Dear Kathleen,

My job description until the end of the year is as follows.

1) Visit all new admits to hospital
2) Distribute Communion and Anoint the Sick
3) Care for the National Shrine
4) Celebrate Mass at Shrine
5) Oversee the disposition of the closing of the Pastoral Care Dept.

My duties do not require to be with minors.

[Signature]

Sponsored by the Daughters of Charity National Health System—East Central, Inc., and the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus—Stella Maria Province
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dead pediatrics

gu m. Pat/John — no contact

will discharge — just a letter. Nobody called.

disposed: Does anyone care about my effort?

Pat, Steve, John will “Doc” —
Minutes of the Professional Fitness Review Board

Members present: [Redacted]

Others present: Rev. James Kaczorowski – Vicar for Priests

Members absent: [Redacted]


1. [Redacted] began the meeting with a prayer.
2. The minutes were reviewed
3. [Redacted]
4. [Redacted]
5. [Redacted]
6. The Matter of Father Richard Bartz: The Board members discussed his case. R.B. seems to be progressing well. Some concern was expressed over the fact that he lives alone (in the hospital?) but he seems to have a network of friends and exercises regularly. It was remarked that he has handled some difficult situations well, including a suicide. Some Board members requested to be brought up to date on R.B.'s duties at the hospital.

7. Other Business:

-- submitted by
Dear Graduate Advisor,

[Handwritten text - unclear to transcribe accurately]
Recently, I have been made aware of the problem via Father Bartz. As I am aware of the situation, I am just as aware that Father Bartz has been sober and celibate since 1987.

Father Bartz has maintained his sobriety and celibacy since that time. It is my opinion much of his problem was connected with his previous drinking problem.

I do not know all the particulars of his present system, but I have first hand experience of his sobriety and his continued commitment to celibacy. Whatever his system, whatever his program it seems to be working.

I feel in all honesty he is a happy priest. He is a good priest, and the problems of the past are past.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Kaz,

Doc Bartz has requested that he work with you once I leave the office. He says that, because he knows you, he would feel more comfortable working with you. To say the least, he is very stressed out and fearful that he is going to be removed from ministry.
By Perry
follow up by
calling
assume they are followed
Archdiocese of Chicago Priest Vitae Card

Richard Barry Bartz  Born: [Redacted]  Ordained: 05/08/1974  Died:  Ethnicity:  

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Extraordinary Appointments:
June 1st, 1973

Dear Deacon Bartz:

After consultation with the faculty at the Seminary, His Eminence, Cardinal Cody, is pleased to appoint you as a Deacon at St. Marcelline Parish under the direction of the Reverend Charles J. Diemer, Pastor.

Faculties of the Archdiocese of Chicago, in accordance with Canon Law and the regulations of the Archdiocese, insofar as they are applicable to the office of deacon, are hereby granted you, effective June 25, 1973, with expiration on December 31, 1973.

Since this period of service at St. Marcelline Parish, Schaumburg is considered a part of your training for the priesthood, I am sure that you will derive great benefit from this experience and you will profit by the guidance of the Pastor and the priest supervisor who is being assigned to help you.

Begging God to bless you in this clerical ministry and with every personal good wish, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Richard A. Roemer
Vice General and Chancellor

cc: Reverend Charles J. Diemer, Pastor
Dear Deacon Bartz:

Upon recommendation of the Seminary staff, and under direction from His Eminence, Cardinal Cody, I am pleased to "call" you to the Order of Priesthood, to be ordained on May 8, 1974, for service in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

After consultation with the Staff of the Seminary and the Diocesan Clergy Personnel Board, it has been recommended that you be assigned as Vicarius Cooperator at the parish of Ascension, Oak Park, whose pastor is the Reverend Bernard C. White.

In accordance with the procedure set up by the Personnel Board, arrangements are being made for you to consult with the Pastor and his staff before your formal appointment is announced (after ordination) by the Cardinal (Canon 476).

I am happy to have the opportunity to express my congratulations to you and to welcome you to the priesthood we will share in service to the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Wishing you an abundance of blessings at Easter time, and with all good wishes, I am, dear Deacon Bartz,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Richard A. Rosemeyer
CHANCELLOR

cc: Reverend Bernard C. White, Pastor
Reverend Richard B. Bartz
Saint Mary of the Lake Seminary
Mundelein, Illinois 60060

Dear Father Bartz:

In accordance with Canon 476, 3, and following the recommendation of the Diocesan Clergy Personnel Board, it gives me great pleasure to appoint you as Associate Pastor to the Reverend Bernard C. White, Pastor of Ascension Parish at 815 South East Avenue in Oak Park, Illinois, and to grant you the necessary faculties for the faithful discharge of that duty.

This appointment is effective immediately and faculties of the Archdiocese are granted to you as of this date, May 8, 1974. Arrangements are to be made with the Pastor about the time that you are to take up your duties after your vacation.

Wishing you every blessing and priestly success in your first pastoral assignment, I am, dear Father Bartz,

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Chancellor

cc: Reverend Bernard C. White, Pastor
Reverend Richard B. Bartz  
Ascension Rectory  
815 S. East Avenue  
Oak Park, Illinois 60304

Dear Father Bartz:

In accordance with Canon 476, and following the recommendation of the Diocesan Clergy Personnel Board, His Eminence, John Cardinal Cody, is pleased to appoint you as Associate Pastor to the Reverend Byron G. Maher, Pastor, Transfiguration Parish, Wauconda, Illinois.

This appointment is effective June 11, 1979, but I would ask you to make arrangements with the Pastor about the exact date when you will assume your new duties.

Wishing you every blessing and priestly success in your new pastoral assignment, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Richard A. Rosemeyer  
Vicar General and Chancellor

Rev. Bernard C. White, Pastor, Ascension Parish, Oak Park.
ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
POST OFFICE BOX 1979
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

August 28, 1979

Reverend Richard Bartz
Transfiguration Rectory
Wauconda, Illinois

Dear Father Bartz,

To assist the priests of the Archdiocese in implementing the Pastoral Guidelines for Marriage Preparation, I would ask that you generously accept my appointment of your own good self as the Representative for your Vicariate.

I am sure that this assignment will not demand too much of your time. The offices of the Archdiocese that deal with implementing the new Guidelines will provide you with the necessary training and support to enable you to work sensitively and effectively with the priests of your area. It will be your responsibility to be a resource and support to priests dealing with difficult and painful premarital situations. Also necessary information about situations which lead to delaying marriages will come from your work. I am confident you will give yourself generously to this important priestly responsibility.

Thanking you for your willingness to serve your brother priests, I am, dear Father Bartz,

Very gratefully yours in Christ,

[Signature]
Archbishop of Chicago

cc: Reverend Byron G. Maher, Pastor
Reverend Msgr. Harry C. Koenig - Urban Vicar, Region I
Reverend Thomas E. Hickey - Director, Cana Conference of Chicago
Dear Father Bartz:

It gives me great pleasure to appoint you to the faculty of Saint Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, Illinois.

This appointment is effective November 21, 1983, but I would ask you to speak with Father James Keleher and Father Byron Maher concerning the particular arrangements involved. This appointment is made with the understanding that you will continue to assist at Transfiguration Church until June, 1984, insofar as your primary duties at the Seminary permit.

I am happy that you will be joining the faculty at Mundelein. I am sure that you will be making a significant contribution to the growth and development of these future priests. I take this opportunity to thank you for all that you have done at Transfiguration parish, and I am sure that your work there is deeply appreciated by Father Maher as well as the people whose lives you touched as you ministered to them and proclaimed the Gospel of the Lord.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Fraternally yours,

Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend Richard B. Bartz
Transfiguration Church
310 West Mill Street
Wauconda, Illinois 60084

cc: Reverend Monsignor Harry C. Keenig
Reverend James P. Keleher
Reverend Byron Maher
Clergy Personnel Board
TO: File
DATE: August 21, 1987
RE: Rev. Richard Bartz ('74)

I received a phone call this morning from [Redacted]. He felt there is reason to think that "Doc" Bartz is in serious difficulty. [Redacted] received a phone call from [Redacted].

John Canary is the only other one who knows about this particular incident. Doc will be back in town Monday and [Redacted] will be back on Tuesday. I agreed that [Redacted], John Canary and I will confront Doc about this on Wednesday at 10:00 AM.
Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract supplements a memorandum from Fr. Raymond Goedert, Vicar for Priests for the Archdiocese of Chicago, to file, dated August 21, 1987, summarizing a phone call from Rev. [REDACTED] Rector at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, concerning Victim ID's alleged abuse by Fr. Richard Bartz. According to the memorandum, Kicanas reported to Goedert that a relative of Victim ID had reported an incident of alleged sexual misconduct with a minor.
 Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a memorandum from Fr. Raymond Goedert, Vicar for Priests for the Archdiocese of Chicago, to file, dated August 21, 1987, regarding his conversation with a relative of Victims ID and IE. According to the memorandum, Victim ID and IE's relative provided further details concerning an incident of alleged misconduct by Fr. Richard Bartz. The described incident occurred out of town trip, during the summer of 1987.
TO: File
DATE: August 23, 1987
RE:

[Redacted] from St. Ignatius called me today at 12:30 PM. He said that he would like to get together with me. He was referred to me by Ken Velo. When I asked what it was about, he said that it concerned one of our diocesan priests. He said that he has had a problem with one of our students, but he would prefer not to talk about it over the phone. He did mention that he did not think that there was any overt sexual activity, but that there was problem and he felt that this priest needed help. This priest happens to be a pretty good friend of [Redacted], so he wants to be sure that someone in authority is aware of the situation. I made arrangements to meet with [Redacted] on Tuesday at 4 PM, August 25.
the principal of St. Ignatius High School, came in to see me today at 4:00. [REDACTED] number at school is [REDACTED] and his number at home is [REDACTED].

[T] said that [REDACTED] called him on Friday morning around 10:30. [REDACTED] that she ought to call Fr. Kicanas, which she did. [REDACTED] himself called Ken Velo Friday, but Ken was not in. He then called again on Sunday and Ken told him to get in touch with me. That is why he called me at the rectory Sunday, August 23.

[REDACTED] thinks the world of Doc and hates to see him hurt or destroyed. But he knows that Doc needs help and he [REDACTED] will be as supportive as possible. I told [REDACTED] that I would not use any of this information tomorrow, unless I absolutely have to. At any rate, I will get in touch with [REDACTED] after we have had our meeting with Doc.
Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract supplements a memorandum from Fr. Raymond Goedert, Vicar for Priests for the Archdiocese of Chicago, to file, dated August 25, 1987, summarizing a meeting with a third party with knowledge of Victim ID’s allegation of abuse against Fr. Richard Bartz. According to the third party, Victim ID reported at least one incident of oral sex involving Bartz.
August 27, 1987

Mr. Robert Fink
Mayer, Brown, and Platt
190 S. LaSalle
Chicago, Illinois  60603

Dear Mr. Fink:

I am writing this letter as a confirmation of our telephone conversation earlier today.

This afternoon, at approximately 2:30 p.m., I called the DCFS hotline at 1-800-252-2873 and talked to a woman by the name of [redacted] I reported to her that I was calling to report an incident of sexual contact between a minor and a clergyman. She asked several questions concerning the relationship between the minor and the adult. After responding to several questions concerning the relationship between the minor and the adult, [redacted] said that I did not have to report the contact since the person was not in a custodial or parental relationship of any kind. She added that I could report the incident to indicate that I had fulfilled the mandate of the law if I wished to do so. This seemed to be a good idea and so I gave her the following information as it was given to me.

I told [redacted] that it was reported to me that there was some kind of sexual contact between Rev. Richard Bartz, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, and [redacted] a seventeen year old student at my school. She asked several questions about the kind of sexual contact and asked whether this contact was "inappropriate touching" or whether there was any "penetration." I indicated that to the best of my knowledge, there had been some inappropriate touching of [redacted] by Fr. Bartz, but that there was no penetration. I indicated that the minor's parent was aware of this and that she had contacted the diocesan authorities who had taken appropriate and specific action to remove Fr. Bartz from his position and were in the process of getting Fr. Bartz appropriate medical care.

I responded to some specific questions of information by giving [redacted] the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the minor [redacted], the adult (Richard Bartz), and the one reporting the incident: myself. [redacted] then indicated that the DCFS would not follow up on the information that I had given because it was not within the
Mr. Robert Fink
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guidelines of their office. These guidelines call for a DCFS follow-up only if the contact is made by a member of the immediate family, by a guardian, or by one who would be considered a paramour of a parent or guardian. Since this was not the case, there would be nothing more done. She used some kind of acronym in referring to these guidelines (ACRA?) though I am not certain what it was. She said that if the parent wished to pursue this, the parent should contact the youth officer of their local police department. She said that this report would be held for six months and would indicate that I had fulfilled the mandate of the law.

I called Fr. Goedert, and yourself, to communicate what was told to me.

At approximately 4:15 today, the lady from DCFS called again to request more information. She said that she had shown the report to her supervisor and the supervisor wanted more information. She wanted to know where the sexual contact had taken place. I indicated that it had taken place 

said that they were asking about the location to determine whether or not was taking a course at the seminary or whether Fr. Bartz was teaching at St. Ignatius. I indicated that was not taking nor had he taken any courses at the seminary nor was Fr. Bartz teaching at nor was he ever attached to the staff at Ignatius. I indicated that Fr. Bartz was an assistant at the parish about ten years ago. I asked again whether or not DCFS would pursue the matter and she said that she did not think so.

This is the essence of my conversations with at the Department of Children and Family Services. If I can be of any further assistance to you, please let me know.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Principal

cc: Rev. Raymond Goedert
TO: File
DATE: August 27, 1987
RE: Doc Bartz

I received a phone call from Doc this morning at 10:50 AM. He inquired if it would be possible for him to go to St. Eulalia's in Maywood. Jim Quinlan, the pastor, is a good friend of his. I told him that was OK with me. I suggested that he talk to Jim and definitely tell Jim the nature of the problem. Then let Jim talk to the rest of the staff, just indicating in a general sort of way that pressures have built up on you and you need some distance from the seminary.

There is no need at this time to spell out the details for the rest of the staff.

Doc will get back to me and let me know what the decision is.
I received a phone call from [REDACTED] at 3:10 PM. [REDACTED] had made the phone call to DCFS. He was elated. He said it was nice to get good news for a change. Apparently the statute does not require that the DCFS pursue a case if the child is not in the custodial care of the one committing the offense. [REDACTED] satisfied the statute by making the call, but no further action will be taken by the DCFS. They did take the information down, just so there was a record of the report made, but that should be the end of it. [REDACTED] relayed the message to [REDACTED] and she, too, was overjoyed.

After receiving the word from [REDACTED] I called Jim Roache at the Chancery and communicated this to him. I also filled him in on the status of the case at this time. I also asked him if he would check the records to see whether or not there is anything at all in Doc Bartz's file which would throw light on this case. Jim also said that he would probably not contact the insurers, since it does not appear that there will be any legal action taken.
Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a memorandum from Fr. Raymond Goedert, Vicar for Priests for the Archdiocese of Chicago, to file, dated August 27, 1987, summarizing his phone call with a relative of Victims ID and IE concerning the minor's alleged abuse by Fr. Richard Bartz. During the phone call, the relative indicated that she had not obtained any additional details from Victim ID concerning the most recent incident of alleged abuse.
September 1, 1987

St. Ignatius College Prep
1076 West Roosevelt Road
Chicago, Illinois 60608

Dear [Name],

Many thanks for the copy of your August 27 letter to Bob Fink. I will put it in the file and hope that DCFS drops the matter altogether. I appreciate very much your willingness to help us in this case, [ zwarte tekst onthuld]. Maybe you could let me know how things develop as time goes on.

With best wishes, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

Rev. Raymond Goedert
TO: File
DATE: September 4, 1987
RE: Doc Bartz

Jerry said everything went as well as could be expected. The people at the Seminary have the understanding that Doc is just depressed and needs time away.
Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a memorandum from Fr. Raymond Goedert, Vicar for Priests for the Archdiocese of Chicago, to file, dated September 12, 1987, recording his conversation with a relative of Victims ID and IE concerning the allegation of abuse made by Victims ID and IE against Fr. Richard Bartz. The relative was upset that rumors were spreading around the parish concerning Victim ID and IE's alleged abuse. According to the memorandum, Goedert then attempted to reach out to Bartz, but was unable to reach him.
Subsequent to my conversation with [redacted], I received the call from [redacted]. In that call, he seemed to think that the way [redacted] got the information was through the mother of [redacted]. [redacted] was one of the boys who was present on that Friday [redacted]. Another boy, [redacted], and he also heard about the whole thing. [redacted] thinks that it was [redacted] mother who tipped off [redacted] and suggested that she call [redacted] to ask about what happened between Fr. Bartz and [redacted].
ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
POST OFFICE BOX 1979
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

TO: Mary Ann Penczak
FROM: Rev. Raymond Goedert
DATE: Sept. 17, 1987
RE: Rev. Richard Bartz

Fr. Richard Bartz is on an indefinite medical leave of absence. He was ordained in 1974. I would appreciate it if you would see to it that he receives a monthly salary check, beginning with September. Please be sure to keep him on hospital and automobile coverage until you hear otherwise. Fr. Bartz check should be sent to him at the following address:

Rev. Richard Bartz
St. Eulalia Rectory
1851 S. 9th Ave.
Maywood, IL 60153
343-6120
Victim Statement Abstract (BART-CB5-00173)

This abstract replaces a memorandum from Fr. Raymond Goedert, Vicar for Priests for the Archdiocese of Chicago, dated September 29, 1987, to file, summarizing his phone call with a relative of Victims ID and IE. According to the relative, Victim ID had been doing well in light of the alleged abuse by Fr. Richard Bartz. She also indicated that Bartz may have attempted to abuse another minor present on the night of her relative's abuse.
TO:     File

DATE:  Oct. 16, 1987

RE:     Richard Bartz

I spoke to Fr. Bartz today. I told him that things were going
along pretty well as far as the [redacted] family is concerned. However, I indi-
cated that [redacted] had said that she [redacted] called to inquire about what was
going on and [redacted] chose not to give her any information. She told [redacted]
that if she wished, she could call me. As of today, [redacted] had not called.
However, if she did call, I would like to have at least the basic information as
to just what did happen. I asked Doc if he would be willing to sit down and
write up the entire incident for me, indicating who was present, their ages,
what happened, etc.
I received a phone call from John Hergenrother. He had a couple of issues he wanted to talk about. One of them was Doc Bartz. He was hoping to sound Doc out to see if he would want to come there as an associate to take Ed Barrett's place who was named pastor. John had asked the Cardinal about this and the Cardinal said that he would have to talk to me first. Actually, the Cardinal did bring this up when I met with him last Thursday on another issue. I told John that I would have to say it would be unlikely at this time, but that it does not mean that at a later date Doc might very well be available. I did not let on to John anything about Doc's problem and I don't know how much John knows about it. But if Doc is allowed later on to resume active ministry, this might be a place for him.
The Cardinal called today inquiring about Doc Bartz. The reason he brought it up was that John Hergenrother had sent him a note inquiring whether he could try to get Bartz as an associate. I told the Cardinal that I also received a call from Hergenrother and I told him the answer was "no". I did not know how much Hergenrother knew about Bartz's situation, but I just told him that at this time, Bartz would not be available.
February 26, 1988

Rev. Richard Bartz  
St. Eulalia Rectory  
1851 South 9th Avenue  
Maywood, Illinois  60153

Dear Doc,

I am going to be on retreat next week, but I would like to meet with you if at all possible on Monday, March 14 at 10:00 A.M. I would appreciate it if you would call my secretary, Sr. Joyce, and either confirm this appointment or make another if the 14th is inconvenient.

With best wishes, I remain

Fraternally yours,

Rev. Raymond Goedert
March 14, 1988

Rev. Richard Bartz  
St. Eulalia Rectory  
1851 South 9th Avenue  
Maywood, Illinois 60153

Dear Doc,

This will summarize some of the conversation we had at our meeting this morning.

I delineated the concerns of the Archdiocese and you fully accepted them. These were as follows:

A. You agreed to remain away from the Ascension parish area as completely as possible;

C. You agreed to observe the mandate that you must avoid all unsupervised contact with all minor children under the age of 18. This applies especially to your private living quarters in the rectory or any other place where other adults are not present;
I felt very good about our meeting this morning, Doc. You seem to be making excellent progress. Feel free to call me, should any questions arise, and I'll be looking forward to our next meeting on Tuesday, May 24, at 2:30 PM.

With best wishes, I remain

Fraternally yours,

Rev. Raymond Goedert
Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a memorandum to file from Fr. Raymond Goedert, Vicar for Priests for the Archdiocese of Chicago, dated March 19, 1988, summarizing his phone call with a relative of Victims ID and IE, concerning their allegation of abuse by Fr. Richard Bartz. According to the memorandum, the relative reported that victims ID and IE were doing well. She also inquired about Bartz's wellbeing.
May 18, 1988

Dear Ray,

I am writing to confirm our meeting on Tues. May 24th at 2:30. I have reviewed your guidelines of March 14th and feel that I have been very faithful to them. I am eager to discuss with you my return to more active ministry. My priest hood is very important to me.

I have been in contact with Fr. Ted Ploplis at Columbus Hospital, who informed me that they are in need of a full time chaplin there. I hope that we can discuss this on Tuesday.

I hope that all is well with you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

[Signature]
Cardinal:

As I mentioned, Ray Borders said that "Doc" Bartz is ready for assignment/ministry. Ted Plopeis has invited "Doc" to work at Columbus Hospital. Ray said this is ideal.

Ray thought it would be good for you to call "Doc" and tell him of your willingness to appoint him to the hospital.

# at St. Eulalia in

Ken
TO: FILE

DATE: August 23, 1988

RE: Richard Bartz

1. Doc Bartz came in to see me today. He looked very well. He seemed quite relaxed and happy. He likes his new job at Columbus Hospital very much. He gets a great deal of satisfaction out of hospital ministry. He feels that he does it well and that there is very positive feedback for him. Doc actually looked better than I have ever seen him in the last year or so.

2. Doc is now employed full time at Columbus Hospital, so we can discontinue the salary from the Archdiocese. The hospital or Doc himself probably ought to pick up the automobile insurance, too.

3. I will send a letter to the Cardinal to confirm the appointment to Columbus, with residence at St. Eulalia's. Doc began at Columbus the first week of July. We will ask the Cardinal not to publish the appointment in the Chicago Catholic.
1. I met with Doc Bartz on August 23. He looked better than I have seen him in a long time. He was relaxed and very grateful for the progress he has been making on dealing with his problems.

2. Doc has been working full time at Columbus Hospital since the first week of July. He enjoys hospital ministry very much, and he seems to be quite content with his residence at St. Eulalia's. Jim Quinlan has been a great support for him.

3. I think it would be a good idea for you to send Doc a letter which more or less formalizes arrangements he has already made on his own. It would not so much be a letter of appointment, as a confirmation of what already has taken place and seems to be in Doc's best interest. Your letter to Doc might include a paragraph or two such as:

   I am pleased to confirm in writing your position as a full time member of the Pastoral Care Department at Columbus Hospital, with continued residence at St. Eulalia Parish in Maywood, Ill.

   In speaking with the Vicar for Priests recently, he informs me that you have been working at Columbus Hospital for almost two months and find the ministry there to be very much to your liking. Your progress pleases me very much, Doc, and you know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. May Our Lord continue to bless you and all the people committed to your care! If I can be of any assistance to you at all, don't hesitate to call.

4. If all of the above is agreeable to you, I would appreciate it if you would notify the Personnel Board of your decision, but I do not think Doc's assignment should appear in the Chicago Catholic. I would not want to re-open any wounds among the families affected, nor would I want Doc to be on the spot with other clergy who might inquire as to why he gave up the seminary assignment in favor of hospital ministry, etc.
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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Vicar for Priests
800 North Clark Street, Suite 311
Chicago, Illinois 60611
Off: (312) 642-1837

TO: RAY RANAS
FROM: Rev. Raymond Goedert
DATE: Aug. 29, 1988
RE: Salary for Fr. Bartz

1. In a memo I sent to Mary Ann Penczak on September 17, 1987, I indicated that Fr. Bartz was on a medical leave of absence and that a monthly salary check should be sent to him, beginning with the month of September, 1987. Fr. Bartz has now returned to active ministry and no longer needs this salary, as he will be employed full time at Columbus Hospital. Therefore, I would appreciate it if you would discontinue his salary.

2. With regard to automobile coverage, that should no longer be charged against the Vicar for Priests Account. In view of the fact that Fr. Bartz is working at Columbus Hospital, I presume the bill will be either paid by the hospital or by Fr. Bartz directly. I suggested to Fr. Bartz that he get in touch with [redacted] about this. I would appreciate it if you would check with [redacted] just to see whether or not Fr. Bartz has reached her.
August 31, 1988

Dear Doc:

It was good to see you last week at Columbus Hospital. I am grateful to you for the attention you gave to my mother. She is doing much better now.

I am pleased to confirm in writing your position as a full-time member of the Pastoral Care Department at Columbus Hospital, with continued residence at St. Eulalia Parish in Maywood, Illinois.

Both from what Father Goedert has told me and what you have told me, I know that you have found the ministry at Columbus Hospital, where you have been since the first week of July, very much to your liking. Your progress pleases me very much, Doc, and you know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. May Our Lord continue to bless you and all the people committed to your care! If I can be of any assistance to you at all, don't hesitate to call.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend Richard B. Bartz
St. Eulalia Parish
1851 S. 9th Ave.
Maywood, IL 60153
TO: File  
DATE: Sept. 15, 1988  
RE: Richard Bartz  

1. In a phone conversation with [redacted] about another matter, I asked him how things were going for the [redacted] family. [redacted] said as far as he can judge everything is fine and the problem has been put behind them. [redacted]

2. I asked [redacted] whether he thought it would be of any help for me to call [redacted]. I told him that I had been in touch with her off and on, but I was reluctant to continue contacting her and reminding her of an unpleasant part of their lives, if in fact it's no longer a serious issue. Brad said that he honestly felt that it would be better for me to back off and next time he sees [redacted] he might even mention this to her -- namely, that he was conversing with me and that he had suggested that I not contact her, etc.
I called Doc 8/31/89 on day off. I left word with Jim Finlan to have him call me.
1. Jim Quinlan called. Jim is pastor at St. Eulalia where Doc is residing. Jim's phone number is [redacted].

2. Jim's parish had been on the newly ordained list, but they did not receive anyone. Jim was told by Ed Fialkowski that his parish would be put on open listing for an associate, but Ed was having some hesitation about it since Doc Bartz was there and could help out, etc. Jim was upset at this, because Doc has been of no help at all and this has been a sore point with Jim. When Jim took him in, he was doing Doc a favor and he thought that Doc would at least help out with parish Masses in return for his board, etc. But he said that Doc has not had a parish Mass in a month. According to Doc, he is working at the hospital every other Sunday, and the Sudays he is not at the hospital, he has gone away.

3. I told Jim that I would be quite willing to have PRMAA send a check for $400 as we do with other similar situations, but it bothers me that a hospital chaplain who probably earns $20 to $25,000 a year should expect PRMAA to pick up his living expenses. It would seem to me that if Doc is not making a contribution of services to the parish, then he ought to reimburse the parish out of his own salary whatever the services he gets from the parish are worth.

4. Jim said that the money is not the issue, as the parish is able to pay its bills and he is not that concerned. What bothers him is that Doc seems to be taking advantage of Jim. Jim agreed that he would have to discuss this with Doc again. It could be that the time has come for Doc to move on. Had Jim received a newly ordained, then Doc would definitely have had to move, because there would not have been sufficient room.

5. I agreed with Jim that I would contact Ed Fialkowski and explain the situation to him to make sure that Doc's presence is not in any way a deterrent from Jim getting an Associate. Jim will also let me know what happens once he and Doc have had a discussion about his efforts to help out, etc.

6. I called Ed and explained the situation to him. He said that he does not know the story on Doc, but he was aware that he was a resident and residents are not supposed to count when there is question of getting an associate. Jim's parish has been put on the B list. Although the number of families is relatively small to be getting an associate, the fact that it is a racially mixed parish gives it some priority. Ed assured me that Doc's presence there would not in any way affect whether or not Jim gets an associate. If no one wishes to go there, of course, then he may not get anyone, but it won't be because of Doc's presence.
TO: File (R. Goedert)  
DATE: April 30, 1990  
RE: Richard Bartz

1. In a conversation with Joe Mol about where he intends to apply, he mentioned that he had looked into several places, one of which was St. Eulalia's, as he had heard that Doc Bartz was going to be leaving there.

2. This was news to me, as Doc has said nothing, although Jim Quinlan did express some negative feelings about Doc's presence there, since Doc apparently was providing very little service to the parish. I will have to check this out, as I do not want the Personnel Board just to place Doc anywhere.

May 1, 1990

1. I talked to Ray Cusack and he said this was the first he heard anything at all about Doc Bartz leaving St. Eulalia's. In view of this, I just told Ray that if the Personnel Board is involved in placing Doc, I would have to know about it and be involved in the final decision.
K. APPOINTMENTS:

11:30 a.m. VICAR FOR PRIESTS [Revs. Raymond Goedert & Andrew McDonagh]

Possible Agenda:

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5. '77 (Bulalia/Bartz)
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VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

VIII ADJOURNMENT:
TO: File (R. Goedert)
DATE: Nov. 27, 1990
RE: Richard Bartz

1. Jim Quinlan called. He said that he and Doc had a long talk and Jim was able to let Doc know how he has been feeling both abused and used. Doc has not been available very much at all and Jim feels that his presence is part of the reason why he is not getting an associate.

2. Jim said that he spoke to the Personnel Board and they told him that he had a resident diocesan priest who was capable of giving him help and therefore he would not likely get a replacement for Steve Janko.

3. Jim said that he told Doc that he thought that it was time for Doc to move on. Jim doesn't want to be passed up because of Doc being present when the fact is Doc makes practically no contribution to the parish. Even parishioners wonder why Doc is still living there, since they never see him at anything, etc.

4. Jim said that Doc's presence in the rectory is minimal and provides no companionship.

5. I told Jim that I would talk to the Personnel Board about this and begin arrangements to find another residence for Doc. I will have to call Doc in to discuss it with him.
Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a memorandum to file from Fr. Raymond Goedert, Vicar for Priests for the Archdiocese of Chicago, dated July 15, 1991, summarizing a phone call with a relative of Victims ID and IE. According to the memorandum, Goedert inquired how the victims were doing following their reports of alleged sexual abuse by Fr. Richard Bartz. The relative reported Victims ID and IE appear to be handling things well.
1. Jim Quinlan, pastor of St. Eulalia's, called a few moments ago. He was quite angry that his principal had been contacted directly by the Office of Catholic Education, by Elaine Schuster, and told of Bartz' background. Jim had not seen the necessity of informing anyone else of Bartz' background since he is never in the school and Jim has made sure that he does not deal with young kids around there. Doc Bartz works primarily at Columbus Hospital.

2. Part of Jim's anger stemmed from the fact that he has been after Ray Goedert to move Doc Bartz for quite a while, since he in Jim's mind was contributing nothing to the parish and consequently it might look like Jim had an Associate there and therefore he would be prevented from getting a further Associate from the Personnel Board. As I said, Jim was quite angry about this.

3. As I listened to him I agreed with his anger that he probably should have been called at least at the same time as the principal and told that the principal knew it. Jim basically does not trust the principal to keep it confidential. He has told the principal at this point that he must keep it confidential and is very much concerned about the people in the parish and wants this to be handled very circumspectly. He has worked hard to establish a good relationship with his people and he doesn't want it destroyed by these incidents.

4. I assured him that we would be working with him directly on how it should be dealt with in his parish.
TO: File (P. O'Malley)
DATE: Nov. 11, 1991
RE: Richard Bartz

1. The Cardinal met with Doc Bartz to tell him he would be removed from the parish setting and that he could retain his work at the hospital. At the new residence he would have to have some kind of degree of supervision.

2. [Redacted]

3. We were concerned about whether Ted Ploplis knew when Doc went into Columbus Hospital of his background and his sexual misconduct.

4. When I called Ted I indicated that there are restrictions on Bartz' conduct and that he also should be kept away from young people.
ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
VICAR FOR PRIESTS
800 NORTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 311
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

TO: File (P. O'Malley)
DATE: Nov. 12, 1991
RE: Richard Bartz

1. The Cardinal met with Doc Bartz on Monday, Nov. 11 and he relayed the Commission's recommendation. Doc may continue to work at Columbus Hospital but he will have to change his residence from the parish setting of St. Eulalia's. We commended him on the alcoholic abstainance that has taken place in the last four years.

3. I had not had a chance to talk to Jim Quinlan, Doc's pastor, about this move at the time Doc came in. I will be in touch with him. I will work out the residency with Doc Bartz. He will be away from 11/14 to 11/28, Thanksgiving Day. He would prefer to live with priests, but the parish setting is another problem.

4. Ted Poplis, who is his work supervisor at the hospital at this time, did not know of his past when Doc came in. I talked to Ted on Nov. 12 in the morning and told him I would send him a notice about Doc's past without going into detail, of course. I told him that that memo would indicate he should not be in the presence of minors who are under 21 years of age without another adult being present and he should avoid the pediatrics ward. I will also send that note to Doc Bartz.
TO: File (P. O'Malley)
DATE: Nov. 12, 1991
RE: Doc Bartz

1. I talked to Jim Quinlan, Doc's pastor, this morning and explained what had happened on Nov. 11 when Doc met with the Cardinal. Jim said that Doc also told it to him last night. Jim was confused as to whether the DRE had also received a call talking about Bartz. He felt that as far as he knows this hadn't happened and it wasn't necessary because Doc never went there at all. I agreed with him at the time.

2. As for an announcement in the parish, he had not given that much thought. I asked him to think about it and that I would be back in touch with him. I told him that we didn't think a major announcement was necessary at the time, just a change of residence.
Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a memorandum from Bishop Raymond Goedert to Fr. Patrick O'Malley, dated November 27, 1991. In his memorandum, Bishop Goedert summarizes a phone call from Victim ID and IE's relative regarding the alleged abuse of Victims ID and IE by Fr. Richard Bartz. In response to the relative's questions, Goedert reported that Bartz would be continuing his hospital ministry, but would no longer reside in a parish. The memorandum notes that the relative understood and was satisfied with this information.
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VICAR FOR PRIESTS
800 NORTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 311
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

TO:     File (P. O'Malley)
DATE:   Jan. 21, 1992
RE:     Rev. Richard "Doc" Bartz

1. I spoke to Doc Bartz this morning and asked him how the situation was proceeding regarding his taking up residence at the hospital. He indicated to me that he had been waiting for a call from me. He will now go to work on that this week and will keep me informed. It looks like that will be a good situation.

2. Once he is in place there, I will have to speak to the Superior of the Hospital as well as his superiors in the Pastoral Care Department regarding his situation.
1. I called Doc to ask him if I could come up and see the living quarters and the situation. I will see him on Friday, Jan. 31, at 9 A.M.

2. At that time I will tell him that I am also going to inform the Superior of the hospital as well as his superior in the Pastoral Care Department, Fr. Ploplis. I think Ted already does know the situation, but this was a time to confirm it so that we have at least a sense of supervision and monitoring.
ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
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800 NORTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 311
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610

TO: File (P. O'Malley)

DATE: Jan. 31, 1992

RE: Doc Bartz

1. I stopped by Columbus Hospital this morning to see the chaplain's quarters at the hospital. Doc Bartz will be residing there now as soon as they are fixed up. They are rather small but I hope they work out for him.

2. I also told him that I would be informing Ted Ploplis, his immediate superior in the Pastoral Care Department. I also told Doc that I would be telling his superior - that would be Dr. [redacted] or the Religious Sister who is in charge of that community at Columbus Hospital.
TO: Clergy Personnel Board
FROM: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
DATE: Feb. 4, 1992
RE: Richard Bartz

1. Doc Bartz will be changing his residence to Columbus Hospital on or about the middle of February. He is a client of mine and this goes according to our plan. I've notified Jim Quinlan that he will be leaving St. Eulalia's.

2. I have also notified his superiors at the hospital that he will be moving in there and that he is a client of mine. I hope this meets with your approval. I have informed the Cardinal that it is happening.
February 4, 1992

Rev. James Quinlan  
St. Eulalia Parish  
1851 South 9th Avenue  
Maywood, Illinois 60153

Dear Jim,

Doc Bartz has made arrangements to move into Columbus Hospital as you know. His taking leave of St. Eulalia's will be without any fanfare. You may wish to make an announcement that he has moved closer to his work. There is no need for any other kind of announcement.

Thanks very much for your patience in all this and for your taking Doc in when he needed a good place.

Fraternally yours,

Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Vicar for Priests
TO: File (P. O'Malley)

DATE: Feb. 4, 1992

RE: Richard Bartz

1. I spoke to Doctor [redacted] at Columbus Hospital. Dr. [redacted] is Fr. Bartz's superior. I told him of Fr. Bartz's past of both the problems with the drinking and the child abuse that followed from that. He thanked me for that information. I also asked him to keep me informed if he says any kind of behavior that would go counter to our understanding of Doc Bartz's setting there.

2. I told him that Doc cannot be in the presence of young people under 21 without another responsible adult being present. I also told him that I had talked to Fr. Ploplis and that Fr. Bartz is not to go into the pediatrics area. Dr. [redacted] was very cooperative in this matter.
February 4, 1992

Rev. Richard Bartz
Columbus Hospital
2520 North Lakeview Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60614

Dear Doc,

I spoke to your boss, Dr. [Name], this morning and relayed to him the information about your situation. Dr. [Name] was very complimentary to you concerning the work that you have been doing at Columbus Hospital these past three years. He feels that you have brought a great deal of talent and understanding to that position.

I mentioned to him that you should not be in the presence of those under 21 without another responsible adult being present. I asked him to keep in touch with me in case there is anything that needs to be discussed. I mentioned also to him that I had told Ted Ploplis, your director in the Pastoral Care Department.

I hope, Doc, that this new residence for you works out very well. You seem to be doing good work at the hospital and I certainly hope that that continues, too. I'll be checking in periodically with you to see how you're doing and if you need to contact me please don't hesitate to call.

Once again, keep up the good work and I'll notify the Personnel Board that you will be switching your residence. I will also notify Jim Quinlan.

Fraternally yours,

[Signature]

Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Vicar for Priests
TO: Cardinal Bernardin
FROM: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
DATE: Feb. 4, 1992
RE: Rev. Richard Bartz

1. I just wanted to let you know that Doc Bartz is moving in to Columbus Hospital. I have seen the rooms that are being prepared for him. They are not the most expansive in the world, but Doc seems to think they'll work fine.

2. I've notified his immediate superior, Fr. Ted Ploplis, about the move and also about Doc's situation and his need for supervision. I have also notified his superior, Dr. [Redacted], of his situation, what happened in the past, and how we are dealing with him in the present. I asked the doctor to keep his eye on the situation and if there is anything that comes up he should be in contact with me.

3. It was a good conversation. He seemed to understand and he thinks that Doc Bartz is doing a very fine job in his pastoral work at the hospital.
TO: File (P. O'Malley)
DATE: April 10, 1992
RE: Richard Bartz

I spoke to Dr. ___________ at Columbus Hospital today, asking him which Sister would I talk to if I was going to share the information about Doc Bartz with the Religious head of the hospital. He suggested the possibility that he would talk to Sr. ___________ who is the Religious head of the hospital. I thought that was a good idea. We went over what it was that he knew. I told Dr. ___________ that if Sister wanted to meet with me or had any further questions I would be most happy to meet with her.

He had a few questions about particulars and then asked me if Sister Joan McGinchy, who is the Assistant Vicar for Religious, knew about it. She is from the order that runs the hospital. I told him that she did not know any specifics though she does know about our procedures in these matters.
Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a memorandum to file from Fr. Patrick O'Malley, Vicar for Priests for the Archdiocese of Chicago, dated July 8, 1992, summarizing his meeting with Victim IC concerning Victim IC’s report of abuse by Fr. Richard Bartz. According to the memorandum, Victim IC reported a single incident of fondling by Bartz while on an out of town trip.
Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a letter from Victim IC, dated July 11, 1992, to Cardinal Joseph Bernardin concerning his allegation of abuse by Fr. Richard Bartz. Victim IC expressed concerns with the procedures in place at the Archdiocese of Chicago for receiving and handling reports of child sexual abuse. He also expressed disgust at the fact that Bartz was still ministering in the Archdiocese of Chicago.
Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a memorandum to file from Fr. Patrick O'Malley, Vicar for Priests for the Archdiocese of Chicago, dated July 11, 1992, summarizing a call from Victim IC concerning Victim IC's recent report of alleged sexual abuse by Fr. Richard Bartz. According to the memorandum, Victim IC felt that Bartz should be punished for his actions and did not feel that Bartz should be ministering in the Archdiocese of Chicago in any manner.
**Victim Statement Abstract**

This abstract replaces a letter written to Fr. Patrick O'Malley, Vicar for Priests, by the mother of Victims ID and IE, dated July 14, 1992. Victims ID and IE were allegedly abused by Fr. Richard Bartz. In her letter, the mother provides information to Fr. O'Malley so that he can help her obtain financial assistance to cover specific expenses.
July 15, 1992

Dear [Name],

I wish to acknowledge your letter of July 11, 1992, which I received yesterday.

Since I will be leaving the city this evening for ten days, I will send you a more substantive reply after I return. However, I did want you to know that I received your letter and am following up on it.

I am enclosing a copy of the report given to me recently by the Special Commission I established to deal with the issue of sexual misconduct among minors by priests. We are now in the process of translating those recommendations into official policy. You will notice that some of your recommendations have also been made by the Commission.

Be assured, [Name] of my concern and prayers for you.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

[Signature]

Archbishop of Chicago

bc: Reverend Patrick O'Malley
Memo to File (POM)
Re: Richard Bartz
7/15/92

John Canary and I will see Dick Bartz on Friday afternoon at 12:30 to talk about the most recent encounter that I've had with [redacted].

In the course of reviewing the files to respond to the subpoena of the State's Attorney's Office, we reviewed Doc Bartz' file. I then called [redacted] who brought the original allegation against Bartz.
Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract supplements a memorandum from Fr. Patrick O'Malley, Vicar for Priests for the Archdiocese of Chicago, to file, dated July 15, 1992, concerning his conversation with a relative of Victim ID and IE. According to the relative, Victims ID and IE wished to keep the matter of their allegations against Fr. Richard Bartz confidential. O'Malley also offered assistance to Victim ID and IE through the relative.
Memo to File (POM)
Re: Richard Bartz
7/17/92

On July 17, 1992, John Canary and I met with Dick Bartz to share with him the input and the letter of [redacted]. Bartz was quite shaken by it and neither affirmed nor denied that the event happened. We spoke at great length as to what the Advisory Board might do [redacted]. He says that he has been abstaining from drink, from any kind of illicit sex, and really trying to get his life in order these past five years.

We will check back with Doc Bartz this coming Wednesday [redacted]. We will also notify him of what happens after August 3.
ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
VICAR FOR PRIESTS
545 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE, SUITE 543
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60611

Memo
To: Cardinal Bernardin
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: August 4, 1992
Re: [Redacted]

On August 4, 1992, you suggested that I compose a letter that you might send to [Redacted] the young man who brought the most recent complaint against Fr. Bartz. The text I suggest is as follows:

Dear [Redacted]

I have just returned from a short vacation and I wanted to get back to you as I indicated I would in my previous note. I discussed your letter with my advisors on August 3 and we went into many different facets of your letter and the situation that occasioned it.

When Fr. Bartz' problems came to our attention several years ago, a number of things took place. He was removed from his position at the seminary. We also followed our established procedures in cases such as these. [Redacted]

Fr. Bartz was no longer permitted to work in a parish setting, although he did live in a rectory. After the initial procedures were completed, he was reassigned to a setting where he would not be in contact with young people. He presently no longer lives in a parish and is under both work and living supervision. [Redacted]

Fr. Bartz was confronted by the Vicar for Priests, Fr. O'Malley, with the latest allegations brought forward by yourself. His present protocol [Redacted] are being reviewed at this time by professionals with whom we contract.
I sent you a copy of the Commission's Report and I hope you have had an opportunity to read it. It treats a very difficult topic with which you have had first-hand experience. The document itself is very strict about returning priests to ministry, but it does, under certain circumstances, allow priests to return to ministry, though not parish ministry or any ministry that would put the priest in contact with young people.

In looking over the recommendations from the Commission, I feel that we have observed them in Fr. Bartz' case and will continue to do so. I do not feel that young people are at risk at this time. Fr. Bartz, I believe, has come a long way in his own development and self understanding in the past five years. He has taken giant strides to set his life in proper order. Had he not done so, he would not be in ministry now.

We will continue to take all proper precautions and we will continue to monitor him in his work and his living for as long as necessary. That may well be for the rest of his life. As I say, if he had not shown the proper remorse and the proper disposition to both reform his actions I would not have re-assigned him.

I am very sorry for what happened to you in the past and I want to help in any way I can. I realize that your faith and trust in the Church have also been affected by this incident and I would hope and pray that some day there may be healing for you.

I know that Fr. O'Malley offered you help with counselling if you should feel that need. I would like to support that offer. In addition, I am asking Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, who works with the Archdiocese in following up with those who have been abused, to contact you to see if there is more that we can do at this time. Mr. Bonaccorsi is a trained and experienced listener in matters such as these. He is also one of my advisors.

Again, I want you to know that you and all those who have experienced and suffered from abuse are in my daily prayers. I truly believe God can and does heal especially when the rest of us work at making that healing possible.
Memo

To: PRMAA
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: August 4, 1992
Re: Payments for a client

[Redacted] of [Redacted] is being dealt with by our office as a result of the activities of one of our clients. I have made arrangements to help [Redacted] and have received the authorization of the Cardinal to go ahead on this on August 3, 1992. I ask you to please make out a check for the amount of $2,301 and send it to me at my office.

Please make the check out to [Redacted] Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.
August 21, 1992

Dear [Name],

I'm sorry my response to the letter you sent on July 14 is so tardy. You know how bureaucracies run. I did speak to the Cardinal and he agreed that it would be only right to help you [Redacted].

I suspect that this was not an easy thing for you to do but, on the other hand, sometimes circumstances occur that are beyond our control. This seems to be one of those moments. If I can be of any further help, please do not hesitate to call me. [Redacted] Please keep us in your prayers and I shall do the same for you. I'll be in touch.

Respectfully yours,

Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Vicar for Priests
Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a letter from a relative of Victims ID and IE to Fr. Patrick O'Malley, Vicar for Priests for the Archdiocese of Chicago, dated August 23, 1992. In the letter, the relative thanks O'Malley for the financial assistance provided to her relatives by the Archdiocese of Chicago, following their report of alleged sexual abuse by Fr. Richard Bartz.
Memo
To: Cardinal Bernardin
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 10/3/92
Re: Suggested text for response to [Redacted]

I would like to suggest the following text, but you may want to look it over carefully because it may not represent your feelings in this matter.

Dear [Redacted]

Again, thank you for your follow-up letter of September 14. You mentioned several questions that you have at this point and I'd like to answer them for you. At this time, because of your coming forward, [Redacted] I shall be doing so in very short order. I will keep you informed as to whatever decision is made.

I have decided that, when our independent Review Board is constituted, and that is being done even as I write, I shall place before them the handling of the Fr. Bartz situation since 1987. I will seek their advice as to how they view the process.

You ask how the Archdiocese will determine if a confirmed report of abuse is an isolated incident. It is my hope that the administrator of the new process will be trained and will be able to discover if there were past incidents. If the civil authorities are notified, as they shall be in every instance, they of course will do their own investigation. In the past, their investigators have gone out into parishes and interviewed potential victims. It has also happened in the past that when a priest comes in and is confronted by an incident like this, he fills us in on his past history in order to get whatever help he can. I know it is difficult for people, especially teenagers, to come forward to confront priests in these situations, but I think that with all the publicity that has been given to the cases, people are feeling more free to come forward. That has certainly been our experience and that seems to be the
experience across the country.

You make the point that the archdiocese may be operating under the supposition that, because a priest can do so much good, somehow this lessens his culpability when he does something as bad. I need to tell you that that is not the way that we look at it. We may know a particular priest has done a lot of good, but when a "foundered" accusation such as child sex abuse comes forward, he is dealt with on the basis of that allegation. We don't ignore his past history, but we do not use his past history of doing good to mitigate or exonerate him from the responsibility for the action of sexual conduct he may have committed. Our concern will be: First, are children at risk? Second, can this man be returned to ministry in the future after treatment and after proper care and after due response to treatment without risk to children?

It is the people in the parishes to which the priest has been assigned, the people who have benefitted from his ministry, who come forward and strongly insist that the priest's past record should be acknowledged. We have found ourselves in the strange position of trying to convince people that an act of sexual misconduct against a child comes first and that whatever good the priest has done must be placed in a secondary position. People do not always understand this.

I've tried to respond to your questions as best I can. However, I realize that these logical explanations and these efforts to explain our procedures hardly touch the deeper feelings of hurt and anger towards the priest who committed sexual improprieties. The pain of the victims is real and lasting. That is something that I have come to appreciate more and more. It is one of the reasons why we are setting up a ministry to those who have been victimized. I am appointing a full-time person in that job and he will be meeting and staying in contact with the victims as much as he can, offering them help, offering whatever help is necessary.

I have appreciated your insights and your comments and I would hope that someday in the near future we might even be able to sit down and talk about these matters in a more personal and face to face manner. If you would like to do that, please let me know and I will make arrangements as
soon as I possibly can. In the meantime, again I ask your prayers and your continued critical support of what we are trying to do in terms of this very serious evil in our midst.

Respectfully yours,
Cardinal Bernardin
Memo

To: File

From: Cardinal Bernardin

Date: December 3, 1992

Re: Meeting with [Redacted]

I met with [Redacted] for nearly an hour on November 25.

It was a cordial meeting. He brought with him the Commission report. He had heard about the new policy but had not seen it, so I gave him a copy. I told him I would be happy to receive any reactions to it he might want to send me.

In terms of what I said, I stayed within the parameters of my letter of October 22, 1992. He did not specifically refer to Father Bartz. He expressed satisfaction that a policy was in place which would be very helpful to the victims. The specific point he made was that victims -- whether past or present -- should feel comfortable coming forward. I assured him that this was one of the purposes of the policy and further told him that, indeed, this was happening.

When he left, he seemed satisfied. He may well write to me about his reaction to the policy, which I suggested. On the basis of our conversation, I do not know of anything else that would be of concern to him. Time will tell.

cc: Fr. O'Malley
To whom it may concern,

Dr. Richard Barty has been a member of our pastoral care department at Columbus Hospital for the past 8 years. Almost every day of those years, patients, families, employees, visitors, and Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart have personally communicated to me how much they have appreciated Dr. Barty's compassionate care, his deep spirituality, and effective ministry to them. He receives high praise for his beautiful and meaningful liturgies, his pastoral care of patients and exceptional counseling skills with employees. He is also a great support to our Missionary Sisters. Richard works well with every member of my pastoral care team. He takes the initiative on various projects, e.g. Brain Tumor Support group, Ethnic Committee, Patient and Intensive Care Unit groups, odd-night call duties, Regional Chaplain Conferences, etc. He works through and on time. He is responsible for every task he undertakes. I am impressed with his dedication to his priesthood and his loyalty to the Church.

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I have had the opportunity on many occasions to share time with Dr. Barty on a social level. I have never seen him act in an unprofessional manner. He is always respectful and courteous to everyone. He has been sort of a role model to me all the time I have known him. I know, for a fact, that he has a healthy network of support systems to reinforce his ability to be an effective priest in the Archdiocese of Chicago. I deeply admire Richard as a colleague in ministry and feel a genuine pillar of support in my work as Director of the department.

Sincerely,

Rev. Theodore Plagge
Director of Pastoral Care
Columbus Hospital

Columbus-Cabrini Medical Center - Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
MEETING OF THE REVIEW BOARD
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
(Minutes)

Date: May 29, 1993

Board Members Present:

Others Present:

Patrick O'Malley
Thomas Paprocki
Steve Sidelowski

Matter of PFR-02 (R.B.):

1. The Vicar for Priests presented to Board matter involving allegations of sexual misconduct against R.B. Vicar explained how matter was originally reviewed by Commission on Clerical Sexual Misconduct with Minors formulated by Cardinal Bernardin in 11-91, and that matter has been followed-up by the Vicar's Office to date
and entire file has been with the Vicar for Priests Office. Vicar presented to Board information from R.B.’s file which Vicar stated was not protected by legal privileges (e.g. the pastoral privilege) and Vicar turned over to the Administrator following his presentation the non-privileged contents of his file.

The Board did not formally initiate a First Stage Review in the matter at this point.
Respectfully Submitted
By Steve Sidlowski
Administrator

Minutes Unanimously
Approved By
Review Board
MEMO TO FILE: PFR-02
FROM: Steve Sidlowski, Administrator
RE: Richard Bartz
DATE: May 29, 1993

Summary of discussion from Professional Fitness Review Board, May 29, 1993:

The Vicar for Priests, Rev. Patrick O'Malley, was present to present to the Review Board the matter involving the Rev. Richard Bartz. Rev. Bartz’s case was originally reviewed by Cardinal Bernardin’s Commission in 11-91, Rev. O’Malley explained. The matter has been followed up by the Vicar for Priests Office and up until today’s Board meeting, the entire file has remained with the Vicar for Priest’s Office. Rev. O’Malley turned over to the Fitness Review Administrator, following his presentation, the non-privileged information from his file. Rev. O’Malley was only able to present to the Review Board that information regarding Rev. Bartz, which was not protected by legal privileges (e.g. the pastoral privilege).

The Board did not formally initiate a First Stage Review or other review in the matter.
PRESENTATION TO FITNESS REVIEW BOARD ON 5/29/93

Fr. Richard Bartz, Class of 1974
Approximate age: 44 years old
Present position: Chaplain at Columbus Hospital
under restrictive protocol with residence at the hospital.

This case was originally reviewed by the Cardinal's Commission in November of 1991. The Commission agreed with ministry placement at hospital but further recommended Bartz be removed from his residence at St. Eulalia's parish house and okayed residence at the hospital. That change of residence took place in Feb., 1992. The proper hospital authorities were notified and alerted and do supervise. Fr. Bartz is not to take any duty in the pediatrics ward.

Reason for reviewing this case: In the summer of 1992, a young man, came forward for the first time alleging

The Cardinal met with this man, explained how Bartz's case had been handled, and reviewed, how Bartz was progressing, etc. The Cardinal promised that he would submit Bartz's case to this Advisory Board for an evaluation of the previous decision.

8/14/87 - First incident occurred. At this time, Bartz was assigned to St. Mary of Lake Seminary in formation work.

1. 8/21/87 - Friday - A of Parish
in (formerly Bartz's assignment) had called seminary rector, where Bartz was then assigned, reporting incident.

2. notifies Goedert. Goedert calls on 8/21/87

3. On Sunday, 8/23/87, , the principal of St. Ignatius calls Goedert.
4. __________ brings concern about Bartz to Goedert.

5. On 8/26, Goedert, rector, and vice-rector Canary meet with Bartz at seminary. Bartz put under restrictions re: minors. Removed from seminary immediately with residence at St. Eulalia's for time being. Pastor of Eulalia's knows nature of problem. Procedures for such cases are then set in motion. Protocol is established.

6. On 8/27 reports to DCFS re: incident between __________ and Bartz. DCFS takes it no further since child is not in custody of alleged perpetrator.

7. 9/29/87 - In a conversation between Goedert and __________, some suspicion arose that another young man, not a minor, __________, was approached by Bartz.

8. Throughout next six months, we follow our procedures __________.

9. 3/14/88 - Reiteration of protocol re: minors, alcohol, total abstinence.

10. 3/19/88 - Goedert contacts __________.

11. 7/1/88 - Bartz begins work at Columbus hospital maintaining residence at St. Eulalia's.

12. 4/27/89 - Advisory Board reviews Bartz situation, __________.

13. 7/15/91 - Goedert speaks to __________.

14. 11/5/91 - Commission reviews Bartz case, suggests tighter protocol with informing of principal/DRE at Eulalia.

15. 11/12/91 - Cardinal informs Bartz he has to leave parish residence. Although Goedert had intended to check out earlier whether Bartz's superiors at the hospital knew of his history, apparently it was not done since Fr. Plopis, head of pastoral care, did not know when I talked to him. He knows now. 

They OK'd his work at Columbus Hosp, but that he might not be in a parish setting.
16. 2/4/92 - Bartz prepares to move into hospital. Superiors at hospital are fully informed beforehand.

17. 7/8/92 - 35 yr. old interviewed by Vicar, O'Malley re: incident with Bartz.

18. 7/11/92 - Letter to Cardinal saying Bartz should be removed from all ministry.

19. 7/17/92 - Bartz/Canary/O'Malley interview reviewing protocol.

20. September, 1992 - after Cardinal released his response to the Commission's Report, States Attorney subpoenaed files, among which was this one of Fr. Bartz.

21. 11/25/92 - Cardinal meets with

22. Present status of Bartz as of 5/29/93: Works and resides at Columbus Hospital.

He and his lawyer, Patrick Riordan, have been informed that his case is coming before this Board. He awaits your further inquiry.
Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract supplements a memorandum prepared by the Vicar for Priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago, summarizing the presentation of Fr. Richard Bartz's case to the Professional Fitness Review Board on May 29, 1993. The memorandum identifies Victim IC's allegation of a single incident of alleged abuse, as well as Victim ID's allegation of abuse by Bartz.
MEMO
TO:     FILE PFR-02
FROM:   Steve Sidlowski
DATE:   June 11, 1993
RE:     Attempted phone call to Dick Bartz

I attempted to phone Dick Bartz regarding
I spoke to a secretary at Columbus Hospital who works with Dick
apparently. She said Dick had left "for a long weekend" and had
gone away to a location she was unaware of and would not be back
until Monday, June 14, 1993. She said that perhaps the location
was his cottage up at Wonder Lake. (I'm not sure if that is in
Illinois or Wisconsin).

I'll have to try to get a hold of Dick Bartz sometime soon, perhaps
next week, if he does not call me back first as I did leave a phone
message with my name and number with his Secretary.
MEETING OF THE REVIEW BOARD
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
(Minutes)

Date: July 24, 1993

Board Members Present:

Others Present:

Steve Sidlowski

Matter of PFR-02 (R.B.):

1. The Board officially continued the First Stage Review in this matter.
Respectfully
Submitted By
Steve Sidlowski
Administrator

Minutes Unanimously
Approved By
Review Board
Memo to File
From: Rev. Patrick O'Malley
Date: 7/28/93
Re: Richard Bartz

I asked Steve Sidlowski on 7/27/93 whether the Fitness Review Board had handled the Bartz situation on 7/24/93. He told me that they did not have time to get around to the Bartz case. This will have to remain for a future session with the Fitness Review Board.
MEETING OF THE REVIEW BOARD
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
(Minutes)

Date: August 21, 1993
Board Members Present:

Others Present:
Steve Sidlowski

Matter of PFR-02 (R.B.):

1. The Board completed a First Stage Review in the PFR-02 matter pursuant to Article 4.9 of the Review Process For Continuation Of Ministry.

2. Determination: There is reasonable cause to suspect that R.B. engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor. Basis: Available information provided to the Board by the Vicar for Priests regarding R.B. seems to indicate that R.B. has somehow acknowledged inappropriate sexual contact with minors; however, the exact details cannot be confirmed due to the limited information available.

   As such the Board determined that minors are at risk of sexual misconduct in the un-monitored presence of R.B.

3. Recommendations to the Archbishop: R.B. should be allowed to continue in his ministerial assignment, but restrictions should continue to be imposed upon him so that R.B. shall not be alone with persons under 18 years of age without the presence of another responsible adult, and therefore should not serve as chaplain for patients under 18 years of age; the chaplain in the Pediatrics Ward of Columbus Hospital should be notified about R.B.'s situation and be involved in monitoring R.B. (in addition to his primary priest monitor and other two secondary monitors).
Respectfully
Submitted By
Steve Sidlowski
Administrator

Minutes Unanimously
Approved By
Review Board
MEMO TO FILE:  PFR-02
FROM:        Steve Sidlowski, Administrator
RE:          Richard Bartz
DATE:        August 21, 1993

Summary of discussion from Professional Fitness Review Board, August 21, 1993:

The Review Board received further written and verbal information from the Professional
Fitness Review Administrator in the matter of the Rev. Richard Bartz (Rev. O’Malley of
the Vicars Office had originally presented the case to the Board at its May 29, 1993
meeting though a formal Review was not initiated).

The Board considered the PFR Administrator’s written and verbal reports as well as the
documents which Father Bartz released to the Review Board. The Board completed a First Stage Review in the matter. It determined that
there is reasonable cause to suspect that Father Bartz engaged in sexual misconduct with
a minor.

As a result, the Board recommended to the Archbishop that Rev. Bartz could not be
allowed to remain in his ministerial assignment but that restrictions should continue to be
imposed upon him in that he should not be alone with persons under 18 without the
presence of another responsible adult. The Board suggested that there should be closer
monitoring of his situation including a daily log book to be kept regarding his
whereabouts. Also, the Board recommended that the chaplain in the Pediatrics Ward of Columbus Hospital should be notified about his
situation and should be asked to help in monitoring Father Bartz, in that no professional
in the Pediatrics Department is formally aware of Dr. Bartz’s situation to date. Also, the
Board recommended that Father Bartz should not minister as a chaplain to 17 year olds,
was well as minors under 18 overall, but the Board noted that most Pediatric Departments end at age 16, and although Father Bartz was told not to enter the Pediatrics Ward of Columbus Hospital, he should not be ministering to 17 year olds as well, the
Board concluded.
WRITTEN REPORT/SUMMARY FOR FIRST STAGE REVIEW

REVIEW DATE: August 21, 1993

1. NAME: Rev. Richard "Doc" Bartz  Age: 44 yrs. old

2. ORDAINED: 1974

3. PRESENT ASSIGNMENT OR RESIDENCE:
   Columbus Hospital
   2520 N. Lakeview Ave.
   Chicago, Ill. 60614

4. ALLEGATION/INFORMATION:
   Date of Offence(s)  Sex/Age Child  Credibility
   8-87             M/17      Yes
   (9-87)           (M/19)    Yes
   (1-76)           (M/19)    Yes

5. GENERAL NATURE OF OFFENCE(S): Due to the pastoral privilege
   and the attorney/client privilege, Rev. Pat O'Malley, who first
   presented matter to Board on 5-29-93 could only basically state
   that there was some form of sexual abuse of a 17 yr. old male by
   Rev. Bartz but details cannot be provided. Rev. O'Malley stated
   that "we know and believe the information;"

6. OTHER PROBLEMS DURING MINISTRY:  per
   Rev. Pat O'Malley,  though Rev. Bartz has
   apparently been dry for five years now.

7. PSYCHIATRIC/PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT/REPORT TO THE REVIEW BOARD
   QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS:

8. SPECIAL CONCERNS OR PROBLEMS IF ANY: As stated, due to the
   pastoral privilege, attorney/client privilege, and mental health
   privilege, very limited information about details of these
   allegations of sexual misconduct against Rev. Bartz have been able
   to be shared by Rev. O'Malley.
9. SUMMARY OF ALLEGATIONS/PRIEST'S RESPONSE/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: As case was presented to a quorum of the Review Board on 5-29-93 by Rev. Pat O'Malley, the Vicar for Priests, please see Summary of case (prepared by Rev. Pat O'Malley) attached hereto.

Some form of sexual misconduct against 17 yr. old [REDACTED] at the time, [REDACTED]

Rev. Pat O'Malley stated at the 5-29-93 Review Board Meeting that "we know something happened. There was some sexual abuse of a minor." but Pat O'Malley stated that he cannot provide the Review Board with details (due to the various legal privileges involved). Fr. O'Malley stated that, however, "we know and believe the information." (Also, see then-Vicar Ray Goedert's memo to file of August 21, 1987).

The most Pat O'Malley could inform the Board at the May 29, 1993 meeting was that "some sexual abuse of a minor, age 17, took place."

On 8-26-87, according to Pat O'Malley at the May-'93 Board Meeting, Rev. Bartz told Rev. Kicanas and Vice Rector John Canary at the time everything about the incident and "spilled his guts." Unfortunately, however, Pat O'Malley stated that this gut-spilling has been protected by the pastoral privilege and so the Board will not receive the contents of Doc Bartz’s statements on that date.

School principal at St. Ignatius, [REDACTED] reported the matter to DCFS and stated in a letter dated 8-27-87 that he told the DCFS representative that to the best of his knowledge "there had been some inappropriate touching of [REDACTED] by Fr. Bartz, but there was no penetration," DCFS apparently chose not to follow up on the information because they informed [REDACTED] that the sexual contact involved was not by a member of the boy's immediate family, guardian, parent, or paramour of the boy’s parents, so DCFS would not pursue the matter.

In reference to the Commission's review of the Bartz case, POM stated on May 29, 1993 that the Commission found that Bartz's work at Columbus Hospital was acceptable, but that he ought not be in a parish setting. Doc Bartz was indeed withdrawn from St. Bualia Parish and moved into Columbus Hospital on 2-4-92. He had been working at Columbus as a chaplain/pastoral associate since 7-88. I spoke with Fr. Ted Ploplis, Doc Bartz’s immediate supervisor and Director of the Pastoral Care Dept. at Columbus Hospital, the other day and I have concerns about this situation. (Please see my memo).

In brief, I am very concerned about the level of monitoring Doc Bartz is receiving in his assignment at Columbus Hospital and
whether that particular form of ministry, given these allegations of sexual misconduct.

In summary, based upon the limited information available in this matter, I recommend that the Review Board find that there is reasonable cause to suspect that Rev. Bartz engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor and that restrictions be imposed upon any form of ministry which he is engaged in. I further recommend that the Board seriously consider the wisdom of allowing Doc Bartz to continue unbridled in his current ministerial assignment, where it is conceivable that he does have access to minors in the hospital, in that no one, practically speaking, in the Pediatrics Ward is aware of his situation or is monitoring him during the graveyard shift which he often works. Perhaps the Board would consider a recommendation of a different form of ministry for Rev. Bartz or, at the very least, if the Board recommends that he be allowed to remain at Columbus Hospital, he should be monitored much more closely in this particular assignment. Such supervision would include that key professionals working in the Pediatrics Dept., be apprised of his background and that someone in the ward who is aware of his situation during the graveyard shift be physically present in the ward. Moreover, perhaps one or two fellow women Chaplains at Columbus could be asked to assist as well in Doc’s monitoring, if the Board allows him to remain in ministry there.

In any event, my view is that Fr. Bartz should not be allowed alone with anyone under age 18 without the presence of another responsible adult.
Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract supplements a summary of the Professional Fitness Review Board's first stage review of the allegations of sexual misconduct made against Fr. Richard Bartz. The summary identifies Victim IC's allegation of a single incident of abuse during an out-of-state trip. Information concerning Victim ID's allegation of misconduct by Bartz on several occasions in the summer of 1987 is also included in the summary.
ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of Professional Fitness Review

Rev. Richard Bartz
Columbus Hospital
2520 N. Lakeview Ave.
Chicago, Ill. 60614

August 23, 1993

Dear Rev. Bartz:

Please be advised that the Review Board met on August 21, 1993. The Board accepted the documents you authorized and fully considered my written and oral reports, as well as the previous report of the Vicar for Priests, Rev. Patrick O’Malley, given on May 29, 1993 in this matter. The Board completed the First Stage Review pursuant to Article 4.9 of The Review Process For The Continuation Of Ministry.

The Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that you engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor.

As a result, the Board made the following recommendations to the Archbishop:

1) You should be allowed to continue in your ministerial assignment but restrictions should continue to be imposed upon you.

2) You should not be alone with persons under 18 years of age without the presence of another responsible adult.

3) Be subject to supervision by a qualified counselor.

4) You may not engage in teaching or counseling

5) The Chaplain in the Pediatrics Ward of Columbus Hospital should be notified about your situation and requested to assist in monitoring your situation.

6) You should not serve as Chaplain for patients under 18 years of age.

The Board has requested me to communicate its determination and recommendations to you. In addition, I will contact you to discuss the further action to be taken and further review of the matter.
If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Steve Sidlowski
Professional Fitness
Review Administrator

SS/rm
cc: Rev. Pat O'Malley, Vicar for Priests
    Rev. Thomas Paprocki, Chancellor
    Mr. Patrick G. Reardon, Esq.
ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of Professional Fitness Review

Joseph Cardinal Bernardin
Archdiocese of Chicago
P. O. Box 1979
Chicago, Ill. 60690

August 23, 1993

Your Eminence,

Please be advised that the Review Board met on August 21, 1993. The Board accepted the documents authorized by Rev. Richard Bartz and fully considered my written and oral reports as well as the previous report of the Vicar for Priests, Rev. Patrick O’Malley, given on May 29, 1993 in this matter. The Board completed the First Stage Review pursuant to Article 4.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that Fr. Bartz engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor.

As a result, the Board made the following recommendations: Fr. Bartz should be allowed to continue in his ministerial assignment but restrictions should continue to be imposed upon him. Specifically, the Board recommends that Fr. Bartz should not be alone with persons under 18 yrs. of age without the presence of another responsible adult. Further, the Board suggests that the Chaplain in the Pediatrics Ward of Columbus Hospital should be notified about Fr. Bartz’s situation and requested to assist in monitoring his situation. In addition, Fr. Bartz should not serve as chaplain for patients under 18 years of age.

The Board has requested me to notify Fr. Bartz about the further action to be taken. I anticipate that a Second Stage Review will be scheduled in due course.

The Board will report to you any further determinations and recommendations following the Second Stage Review.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

Steve Sidlowski
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

cc: Members of the Review Board
Rev. Thomas Paprocki, Archbishop’s Delegate
to the Review Board

bcc: Mr. John O’Malley
MEMO
TO: File (PFR 02)
     (PFR 28)
FROM: Steve Sidlowski
DATE: August 31, 1993
RE: Phone Call from Rev. Tom Paprocki - 8-31-93

Fr. Paprocki, the Archbishop’s Delegate to the Review Board, phoned me and formally informed me that Cardinal Bernardin has accepted the Review Board’s recommendations regarding this matter in the First Stage Review which the Board completed in its August 21, 1993 meeting.
September 9, 1993

Reverend Richard Bartz
Columbus Hospital
2520 N. Lakeview Avenue
Chicago, IL 60103

Dear Father Bartz:

As the Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board, I am writing to confirm that Cardinal Bernardin has accepted the recommendations of the Review Board following completion of the First Stage Review at the Board's meeting on August 21, 1993. These recommendations were communicated to you in writing on August 23, 1993 by Steve Sidlowski, Professional Fitness Review Administrator.

Specifically, Cardinal Bernardin accepted the Board's determination that there is reasonable cause to suspect that you engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor. Moreover, the Cardinal accepted the Board's recommendations as follows:

1) You are allowed to continue in your ministerial assignment, but restrictions will continue to be imposed on you.

2) You are not to be alone with persons under eighteen years of age without the presence of another responsible adult.

5) The Chaplain in the Pediatrics Ward of Columbus Hospital will be notified about your situation and requested to assist in monitoring your activities.

6) You are not to serve as Chaplain for patients under eighteen years of age.

As directed by His Eminence, these restrictions and directives are canonically binding as a matter of obedience. If you have any additional questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me or Steve Sidlowski.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

[Signature]

Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki
Chancellor
Letter to Reverend Richard Bartz  
September 9, 1993 - Page 2

cc: Reverend Patrick J. O'Malley, Vicar for Priests  
Reverend Theodore Ploplis, Director of Pastoral Care, Columbus Hospital  
Mr. Steve Sidlowski, Professional Fitness Review Administrator  
Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Minister  
Mr. John C. O'Malley, Director of Legal Services  
Mr. Patrick G. Reardon, Attorney at Law
PENAL PRECEPT IMPOSING RESTRICTIONS AND DIRECTIVES
ON REVEREND RICHARD B. BARTZ

In order to preclude scandal arising from allegations of sexual misconduct with a minor against Reverend Richard B. Bartz and in order to provide adequately for the safety of children and other minors (c. 277);

Mindful of my responsibilities to promote ecclesiastical discipline and urge observance of all ecclesiastical laws (c. 392) through the exercise of my pastoral office as diocesan bishop (c. 381, § 1);

Taking into account the common good of the Church, the rights of others and duties towards others (c. 223 § 1); and

Having heard those whose rights can be injured and having thoroughly considered the information and facts of the matter (cc. 50 and 1319, § 2);

Therefore, I, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, by the grace of God and the Apostolic See Archbishop of Chicago, in accord with canons 49 and 273, hereby impose the following restriction and directives on Reverend Richard Bartz, as a matter of obedience:

1) He is allowed to continue in his ministerial assignment, but restrictions will continue to be imposed on him.

2) He is not to be alone with persons under eighteen years of age without the presence of another responsible adult.

5) The Chaplain in the Pediatrics Ward of Columbus Hospital will be notified about his situation and requested to assist in monitoring his activities.

6) He is not to serve as Chaplain for patients under eighteen years of age.
Penal Precept Imposing Restrictions and Directives
on Reverend Richard B. Bartz - Page 2

In accord with canons 1317-1319 and 1371, § 2, intentional or culpable violation of this precept could result in the imposition of a just penalty, including possible suspension. The contents of this penal precept are to be communicated in writing to Father Bartz by the Chancellor, Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki.

Dated this 9th day of September, 1993.

[Signature]
Joseph Cardinal Bernardin
Archbishop of Chicago

Given at the Chancery

[Signature]
Thomas J. Paprocki
Chancellor
MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Stephen F. Sidlowski, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

cc: Reverend Patrick J. O'Malley, Vicar for Priests
    Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Minister
    Mr. John C. O'Malley, Director of Legal Services

From: Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor and Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board

Date: September 9, 1993

Re: Reverend Richard Bartz

Steve,

As the Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board, I am writing to confirm that Cardinal Bernadin has accepted the recommendations of the Review Board concerning Reverend Richard Bartz described in your letter to His Eminence dated August 23, 1993 following completion of the First Stage Review at the Review Board's meeting on August 21, 1993.

I have written to Father Bartz to inform him in writing of the Cardinal's decision accepting the Review Board's determination and recommendations. A copy of my letter is enclosed for your records.

The work of the Review Board and yourself in this matter is greatly appreciated.
MEMO
TO:       File (PFR-02)
FROM:    Steve Sidlowski
DATE:    Sept. 23, 1993
RE:     Phone Call to/from Doc Bartz

I called Doc Bartz to confirm that he had received the formal letter from Tom Paprocki confirming that Cardinal Bernardin had accepted the determinations and recommendations of the Review Board in his First Stage Review. Doc had received the letter.

I also called Doc to answer any questions he may have had about the First Stage Review and to suggest an in-person meeting with him and his primary monitor, Fr. Ted Ploplis. I told Doc that I would be bringing a copy of the current monitoring guidelines that he will be responsible to live by and Ted to watch over.

I went over the various recommendations of the Review Board and Cardinal Bernardin with Doc. Over all, Doc was upset about this situation. Doc went on to add the fact that his case was brought to the Review Board and the decisions that have been made regarding his case seems all geared toward the "Archdiocese's covering your ass." He complained that no one from the Vicar for Priest's Office or the Cardinal have bothered to contact him directly about this situation.

I told Doc that Fr. O'Malley is currently on vacation and that he is aware of Doc's situation with the First Stage Review outcome. I told him that I would tell Pat O'Malley and/or John Canary about his feelings. I further urged Doc to contact the Vicar's Office should he seek their support ministerially.

I also discussed with Doc the possibility that Ted Ploplis may take over the Pediatrics Department chaplaincy, in which case it may not become necessary to tell Sr. [REDACTED] who is currently in charge of the pediatrics chaplaincy. However, if Sister continues to focus her ministry in pediatrics, I told Doc that the Review Board does want the chaplain involved with pediatrics, who they believed was
want the chaplain involved with pediatrics, who they believed was particularly Sr. [redacted], be told about the situation and to help out with the monitoring. I also told Doc that we could discuss the monitoring rules further when we meet in person.

We did then arrange a meeting for Tuesday, Sept. 28, 1993 at 10:00 a.m. at Ted Ploplis' Office in Columbus Hospital.

Phone Call to Mr. [redacted] (Chief Operating Officer of Columbus Hospital and Superior to Rev. Ted Ploplis in Pastoral Care Dept.): 9-23-93

The person who answered the phone told me that Mr. [redacted] is on vacation until Oct. 4, 1993. I left a message with my name and number. I will need to tell Ted Ploplis to please inform [redacted] of the situation upon his return so that I can then call him in the future to confirm that Mr. [redacted] knows about Doc Bartz and Ted Ploplis' role in the monitoring and to help out to the degree he can.
Diocesan Priests' File Checklist

✓ Acknowledgement of Misconduct Policies, dated 10/4/93
✓ Curriculum Vitae, dated 5/17/84 & 10/20/87

☐ Last Will & Testament, dated

☐ Personal Inventory, dated

☐ Photo (for assignment card kept in Suzie's office)

Please list any other important documents that are in this file:
Please check one:

X I acknowledge that I have read and am familiar with the Archdiocesan policies and procedures regarding sexual misconduct with minors, adopted September 21, 1992.

Please send me a copy of these policies and procedures.

Signature:  
RICHARD B. BARTZ

Name (Printed):

Address:

City, State, Zip:  

OCT 4 1993

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR
MEMO from
CARDINAL BERNARDIN
To: Fr. Paprocki  Date: 10/6/93

Tom,

When I return from Rome and on my return from Hawaii, I'd like to speak with you about Doc Bartz. If the Review Bd. meets before I return, please do not communicate with Doc before you speak with me. Thanks.

FATHER THOMAS J. PAPROCKI

11/3/93 - Per #832, wait for word from Columbus CFO before approving modification of #5. Then send letter to Bartz.
MEETING OF THE REVIEW BOARD OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO (MINUTES)

DATE: October 16, 1993

Board Members Present:

Others Present:

Thomas Paprocki
Steve Sidlowski
Matter of PFR-02 (R.B.):

1. Administrator disclosed to the Board R.B.'s request, and R.B.'s primary monitor's concurrence of R.B.'s request, as to whether Board finds acceptable that Rev. Ted Flopis (R.B.'s main monitor) be responsible for R.B.'s monitoring in reference to the Pediatrics Ward of Columbus Hospital, rather than the assigned chaplain to that ward. (See File PFR-02 memo of 10-1-93 explaining request; administrator explained details of request to Board). Cardinal Bernardin accepted Board's recommendation in the First Stage Review on this point, but is interested in Board's input on this possible variation to the recommendation.

2. Administrator also informed Board that Sr. Garry, Provincial for M.S.C. and monitor of R.B., had inquired about whether CEO of Columbus Hospital should be informed about and approve R.B.'s monitoring arrangement as connected to the hospital.

3. In order to insure that children are not at risk of sexual misconduct and fulfilling the Board's mandates, the Board concluded that the CEO at Columbus Hospital should be informed about an approved R.B.'s monitoring arrangement, and Board will approve alternate suggestion for monitoring R.B. in Pediatrics Ward at Columbus Hospital so long as arrangement is acceptable to Columbus Hospital CEO. Also, the Board suggested R.B. should have first option to inform CEO about situation himself and Administrator will then confirm the CEO has been informed and approves monitoring arrangement.
Respectfully
Submitted By
Steve Sidlowski
Administrator

Minutes Unanimously
Approved By
Review Board
MEMO TO FILE: PFR-02
FROM: Steve Sidlowski, Administrator
RE: Richard Bartz
DATE: October 16, 1993

Summary of discussion from Professional Fitness Review Board, October 16, 1993:

1. The Professional Fitness Review Administrator disclosed to the Review Board Father Bartz’s request, and R.B.’s primary monitor's concurrence of R.B.’s request, as to whether Review Board finds acceptable that Rev. Ted Ploplis (R.B.’s main monitor) be responsible for Father Bartz’s monitoring in reference to the Pediatrics Ward of Columbus Hospital, rather than the assigned chaplain to that ward. (See File PFR-02 memo of 10-1-93 explaining request; PFR Administrator explained details of request to Review Board). Cardinal Bernardin accepted Board’s recommendation in the First Stage Review on this point, but is interested in Board’s input on this possible variation to the recommendation.

2. PFR Administrator also informed Review Board that Sr. [Redacted] Provincial for M.S.C. and monitor of Father Bartz, had inquired about whether CEO of Columbus Hospital should be informed about and approve Father Bartz’s monitoring arrangement as connected to the hospital. The Board was informed that Archdiocesan attorney John O’Malley’s opinion [Redacted]

3. In order to insure that children are not at risk of sexual misconduct and fulfilling the Board’s mandates, the Board concluded that the CEO at Columbus Hospital should be informed about an approved R.B.’s monitoring arrangement, and Board will approve alternate suggestion for monitoring Father Bartz in Pediatrics Ward at Columbus Hospital so long as arrangement is acceptable to Columbus Hospital CEO. Also, the Board suggested Father Bartz should have first option to inform CEO about situation himself and PFR Administrator will then confirm the CEO has been informed and approves monitoring arrangement.
MEMO
TO: File (PFR-02)
FROM: Steve Sidlowski
DATE: October 22, 1993
RE: Phone Call to Sr. __________________ Provincial Superior-
MS: 10-22-93

I made contact with Sr. [redacted] today, as a follow-up to our meeting
of about a week ago in which I assured her I would get back to her.
Sister was concerned at the time about whether the CEO, Mr. [redacted],
of Columbus Hospital for legal reasons should be informed
about Doc Bartz.

I told her that I had contacted the Archdiocesan Legal Director,
John O’Malley, for his input on this matter. I explained that John
does feel that the CEO does have a right to know. I told Sr. [redacted] that
I also ran the issue by the Review Board at the 10-16-93
meeting and the Board agrees. (I noted that the Board more so than
for legal reasons, in order to fulfill their mandate to ensure the
safety of children at Columbus Hospital, feel that the CEO should
know for that reason as well to make sure that he approves of Doc
Bartz’ monitoring arrangement).

Sister and I discussed that Mr. [redacted] is out of town until
Monday. I told her that our preference is that Doc Bartz will be
able to explain his situation to [redacted] himself as the first
alternative and then I will confirm that with the CEO (that they
had spoken and to answer any basic questions from the CEO). Sr.
[redacted] also feels that if Ted Ploplis could be a part of explaining
the situation to the CEO, that might be better, although she thinks
that Ted may still be on vacation.

Sister said that the Cardinal is supposed to come out to Columbus
Hospital a week from Sunday and as she will be in Denver, she
intends to give me a call next week to see what the status is at
that point.
MEMO

TO: File (PFR-02)
FROM: Steve Sidlowski
DATE: 10-28-93
RE: Phone Call to Doc Bartz

I officially informed Doc Bartz about the outcome of the 10-16-93 Review Board meeting. I told Doc that, as we had discussed earlier in October in our meeting with Ted Ploplis and Pat Riordan, that the two issues he wanted me to run by the Review Board were 1) if Ted Ploplis could cover for him in the Pediatrics Ward in the graveyard shift rather than Sr. [redacted] be informed about his situation and 2) [redacted]

I told Doc that in regard to the other issue (Sr. [redacted] notice and request to help in monitoring), I explained how I had met with Sr. [redacted] and how she brought up the concern about the CEO not knowing about Doc. She told me that she wanted to know if legally that was okay. I told Doc that I told Sister I would check with our Legal Director, and I told Doc the outcome of that check was that the Legal Director feels that the CEO does have a right to be informed.

I told Doc that I ran Sr. [redacted] concern and John O’Malley’s opinion by the Review Board. The Board felt that the CEO should be told about Doc’s situation. I stressed to Doc that this does not mean that the CEO would be requested to help monitor him; rather, I told him that the Board is willing to approve Ted Ploplis’ graveyard coverage of the Pediatrics Ward as chaplain, but that the CEO should be told about the monitoring arrangements with Doc Bartz to ensure that the CEO, who is responsible for Columbus Hospital/and that corporation, approves of Doc Bartz’s monitoring arrangements with Ted Ploplis, Sr. [redacted] and Dr. [redacted] as well.

I told Doc that if for some reason that [redacted] has a problem with the arrangements, then perhaps the issue of who needs to be told would have to be re-discussed by the Review Board. However, I told him that it is my hope that [redacted] will have no problem with this situation.

In any event, Doc Bartz assured me that he will tell the CEO Mr. [redacted] in his own words about his situation. He intends to tell him along with Ted Ploplis. I told him that sounds like a good idea (also, the Board concurred with giving Doc the first option at informing [redacted] with me later confirming the CEO’s notice
and to answer any questions he may have).

Doc told me that he will contact me within the next week to tell me that he has told the CEO. I told him that if for some reason in the next week I do not hear from him I will get back to him - Doc Bartz.

I told Doc Bartz that once he has spoken to the CEO and I would contact the CEO to confirm that he has spoken with Doc Bartz and to answer any basic questions that may have.

I noted to Doc Bartz that he might want to run by the outcome of the Review Board’s meeting and the Cardinal’s comments to him, by his attorney Patrick Riordan. He said he intends to do so.

***** - Doc Bartz took this phone call occasion to inform me that he is planning a vacation to Jupiter, Fla. from Nov. 15 until Dec. 1, 1993. He told me (upon my questioning) that he will be accompanied on the vacation by his classmate, Fr. Terrence McCarthy. I told him that I had not had the opportunity to speak with Fr. McCarthy about such situations as yet, but that I would get back to him at some point before the vacation.

Doc told me that the person who answered the phone was Fr. McCarthy and I could talk to him if I wanted to now. I told Doc that I did not want to further interrupt his time at Wonder Lake; and I told him that I would get back to Fr. McCarthy at some other point in the near future.

(Please note that I also need to run by Fr. McCarthy that it is my hope that he would be present in general in their cottage at Wonder Lake when Doc is there for monitoring purposes).
MEMO  
TO: File (PFR-02)  
FROM: Steve Sidorowski  
DATE: October 29, 1993  
RE: Discussion with Cardinal Bernardin: 10-27-93

Ever since the Advisory Committee meeting of 10-18-93, Cardinal Bernardin had stated to me that he wanted to speak with me about Doc Bartz's situation. He was to call but apparently didn't get around to it. Hence, we discussed the matter today.

The Cardinal noted that he has spoken to Doc Bartz two times since the outcome of his First Stage Review. Regarding the Review Board recommendation that the CEO should be informed about Doc's background/situation, and if he signs off on it, that is, Ted Plopis serving as the chaplain for the Pediatrics Ward during the graveyard shift as well as the other details of the monitoring, the Cardinal has no problem us telling Doc Bartz that.

In any event, the Cardinal is going to write the Review Board about his concern regarding __________ in a letter (and I said that perhaps the Board could discuss this situation in its 12-11-93 meeting).

The Cardinal also noted that he has already informed Doc Bartz about his current thinking on the __________ suggestion by the Review Board.

As such, in the meantime, I can now tell Doc Bartz and communicate to him about the CEO notice issue/requirement but acknowledge to Doc that I know that Cardinal Bernardin has spoken with him about
I had mentioned to Cardinal Bernardin that following Doc’s First Stage Review and the Board’s recommendations which he had accepted at that point, Tom Paprocki officially sent Doc Bartz written notice [redacted]. Tom Paprocki had also mentioned in that same letter that it was a "matter of obedience." As such, I reminded the Cardinal that if he is to change his already accepted recommendation on that particular point, at some point in the future he would need to re-issue another letter to Doc Bartz to tell him that he had changed his mind. The Cardinal acknowledged that fact and noted that he still may not change his mind about it. [redacted]
Dear Members of the Review Board:

As you know, I accepted the recommendations of the Review Board regarding Father Richard Bartz. The first had to do with monitoring: [redacted] After Steve Sidlowski communicated the recommendations/decision to Father Bartz, he appealed to me. I know Father Bartz well, perhaps better than many other priests.

I hope you understand why I am doing this. I believe that I have done everything recommended in order to ensure that children and adolescents are not at risk, but I am concerned about [redacted]

With gratitude for all you are doing for the Archdiocese and with cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

[signature]
Archbishop of Chicago

cc: Mr. Steven Sidlowski
Father Thomas Paprocki

+8CLB
11/3/93
MEMO

TO: File (PFR-02)

FROM: Steve Sidlowski

DATE: November 3, 1993

RE: Phone Call from Rev. Tom Paprocki

In any event, Tom stated that he wanted to put this change in the Cardinal's decision about Doc's case in writing to Doc Bartz. Reason is that Tom Paprocki said in his 9-9-93 letter to Doc Bartz that the Cardinal had accepted the Board's recommendation [REDACTED] Also, the Cardinal had accepted the recommendation that the Pediatrics Ward chaplain be told about Doc and assist in his monitoring - however, on that point, Tom and I discussed how the Board basically has accepted the alternative arrangement with Ted Plopis covering the graveyard shift in the Pediatrics Ward, but I emphasized to Tom Paprocki that the Board's recommendation's alteration on that point was basically on the condition that the CEO be told about Doc and that the CEO at Columbus Hospital also affirm the monitoring arrangements.

As such, I told Tom that I do not believe at this point he should be sending out the letter to Doc Bartz until we know that Doc has informed the CEO either himself or through Sr. [REDACTED] and that the CEO has affirmed the basic monitoring arrangements. Then, once I know that the CEO has accepted the basic monitoring arrangements with Doc, Tom and I agreed that I would call Tom Paprocki to tell him if that is the case and then Tom could send Doc another letter stating the alterations in the Cardinal's decision in his case regarding the Review Board's recommendation.
(Tom Paprocki has also requested that I suggest to him what wording to use regarding the recommendation on Ted Ploplis covering the Pediatrics Ward during the graveyard shift when I contact him following the CEO notice).
MEMO

TO: File (PFR-02)

FROM: Steve Sidlowski

DATE: November 5, 1993

RE: Phone Call to Attorney Pat Reardon

I called Pat Reardon how we were going to go about having Doc inform the CEO about his background/situation, etc.

Pat Reardon told me he had been out of the office yesterday and hadn't spoken to Doc Bartz in a couple of days although it was still his feeling that Doc Bartz would let Sr. [redacted] approach [redacted] privately to inform him that way.

He said that he would call up Doc Bartz this afternoon to ask him if he's decided to ask Sr. [redacted] to inform [redacted]. He will get back to me, he said.

He said that he had a hunch that Doc Bartz may have already asked Sr. [redacted] in that I told Pat Reardon that if he is going to ask Sr. [redacted] to tell the CEO that I would like to know how soon that is going to be done in that it has been three weeks since the Review Board suggested that the CEO be informed and that I would want to confirm with Sr. [redacted] that she is going to speak with or has spoken with [redacted] about Doc Bartz (and either to discuss with her that I feel [redacted] needs to know what the Review Board wants to know from him or if she has already spoken with him to see if he has any questions and fully understands what he needs to know).
MEETING OF THE REVIEW BOARD
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
(Minutes)

Date: December 11, 1993

Board Members Present:

Others Present:

Thomas Paprocki
Steve Sidlowski
Matter of PFR-02 (R.B.):

1. Administrator informed Board that CEO of Columbus Hospital has been adequately notified about R.B.'s background and monitoring arrangement by R.B.'s primary monitor, Fr. Ted Ploplis, and Ted said the CEO finds the arrangement acceptable and had no further questions for the Administrator.

2. The Board discussed Cardinal Bernardin’s letter to Board members dated 11-2-93

3. 

4. The Board re-asserted its original recommendation

5. The Board directed the Administrator to gather reasons for the Board’s position and include such reasons in a letter directed to Cardinal Bernardin re-iterating the Board’s position.

6. Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Review Process For Continuation Of Ministry, as almost 120 days have passed since completion of the First Stage Review in this matter, the Board formally delayed scheduling of the Second Stage Review as well as to see how monitoring of R.B. is going.
Respectfully
Submitted By
Steve Sidorowski
Administrator

Minutes Unanimously
Approved By
Review Board
MEMO TO FILE: PFR-02  
FROM: Steve Sidlowski, Administrator  
RE: Richard Bartz  
DATE: December 11, 1993

Summary of discussion from Professional Fitness Review Board, December 11, 1993:

1. The Professional Fitness Review Administrator informed Review Board that CEO of Columbus Hospital has been adequately notified about Father Bartz's background and monitoring arrangement by Father Bartz's primary monitor, Fr. Ted Ploplis, and Ted said the CEO finds the arrangement acceptable and had no further questions for the Administrator.

2. The Board discussed Cardinal Bernardin's letter to Board members dated 11-2-93

3. 

4. The Board re-asserted its original recommendation regarding Board's completion of Father Bartz's First Stage Review on 8-21-93.

5. 

6. Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Review Process Of Continuation of Ministry, as almost 120 days have passed since completion of the First Stage Review in this matter, the Board formally delayed scheduling of the Second Stage Review for the good reason as well as to see how monitoring of Father Bartz is going
MEMO
TO: File (PFR-02)
FROM: Steve Sidlowski
DATE: December 15, 1993
RE: Continuance of Second Stage Review

The Review Board discussed Doc Bartz's case in its 12-11-93 meeting. However, I did
state to the Board that technically it was time for a Second Stage Review to be initiated in his case; however, as the Board was
continuing its discussions regarding the Board's First Stage Review recommendations, the Board formally delayed scheduling of a Second Stage Review in the
matter for that good reason.
September 28, 1994

Dear Steve,

I am responding belatedly to your letter of January 3, 1994, regarding Father Richard Bartz.

As you know, I have hesitated to implement the recommendation of the Review Board. Father Bartz is doing quite well now and is adequately monitored. I will personally continue to stay in touch with the situation.

Would you be good enough to explain my reservation to the Review Board?

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ

Archbishop of Chicago

cc: Father Paprocki

Mr. Steven F. Sidlowksi
Professional Fitness Review Administrator
One East Superior St., Suite #504
Chicago, IL 60611

JLB:sam
Post-First Stage Review Informational Report To Review Board 
In PPR-02 Matter:  

10-7-94

Cardinal Bernardin formally wrote me (Steve Sidlowski) on 9-28-94 to state that he was "responding belatedly to your letter of January 3, 1994, regarding Rev. Richard Bartz." The Cardinal asked that I explain his "reservation" to the Board as regards the Board's re-assertion of its First Stage Review recommendation.

In terms of policy, I believe the Cardinal's correspondence finalizes his decision for the First Stage Review in the Rev. Bartz situation. A Second Stage Review would then be scheduled in due course, some time within the next 120 days or so.
MEETING OF THE REVIEW BOARD  
of the Archdiocese of Chicago  
(Minutes)

DATE: October 15, 1994

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Thomas Paprocki  Steve Sidlowski

* The Review Board formally approved the Meeting Minutes for the Review Board Meeting of September 17, 1994.
Matter of PFR-02 (R.B.):

1. The Administrator informed the Board that Cardinal Bernardin recently informed him that he was responding belatedly to his 1-3-94 letter
Respectfully
Submitted By
Steve Sidlowski -
Administrator

These Minutes Unanimously
Approved By
Review Board
MEMO TO FILE: PFR-02
FROM: Steve Sidlowski, Administrator
RE: Richard Bartz
DATE: October 15, 1994

Summary of discussion from Professional Fitness Review Board, October 15, 1994:

The Professional Fitness Review Administrator informed the Board that Cardinal Bernardin recently informed him that he was responding belatedly to his 1-3-94 letter. Also, the Cardinal assured the Board through the Administrator that he will personally continue to stay in touch with the situation.
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MEETING OF THE REVIEW BOARD
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
(Minutes)

DATE: April 29, 1995

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Thomas Paprocki Bernadette Connolly

* At our last Board meeting (4-29-95), we were unable to form a quorum, and so several important matters were postponed until the next meeting. However, the Board discussed several important issues as outlined below.

Matter of PFR-02 (R.B.):

1. The Cardinal did not accept the Board's recommendation

   The Administrator informed the Board that a Second Stage Review had not yet been conducted.

2. The Board instructed the Administrator to gather information for a Second Stage Review.
Respectfully
Submitted By
Bernadette Connolly
Acting Professional
Fitness Review Administrator

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MEMO TO FILE: PFR-02
FROM: Bernadette Connolly, Administrator
RE: Richard Bartz
DATE: April 29, 1995

Summary of discussion from Professional Fitness Review Board, April 29, 1995:

The Cardinal did not accept the Review Board’s recommendation. The Professional Fitness Review Administrator informed the Board that a Second Stage Review Board had not yet been conducted.

The Board instructed the PFR Administrator to gather information for a Second Stage Review Board.
MEETING OF THE REVIEW BOARD
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
(Minutes)

DATE: May 13, 1995

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

Thomas Paprocki

* The Review Board approved the Minutes of the March 10, 1995
  meeting. The April 29, 1995 meeting was postponed until this date
  due to lack of a quorum.

Matter of PFR-02 (D.B.):

The Board received the written report. The Administrator
Bernadette Connolly will be asked to schedule a Second Stage Review
when appropriate.
MEMO TO FILE:  PFR-02
FROM:  Sr. Catherine Ryan
RE:  Richard Bartz
DATE:  May 13, 1995

Summary of discussion from Professional Fitness Review Board, May 13, 1995:

The Review Board received the written report. The Professional Fitness Review Administrator Bernadette Connolly will be asked to schedule a Second Stage Review when appropriate.
Phone Call to Rev. Tom Paprocki: 5-22-95
Re: PFR-02 (R.B.)

I spoke with Fr. Tom Paprocki about Doc Bartz's case file - specifically asking if Doc Bartz should have a Second Stage Review. Fr. Paprocki and John O'Malley [REDACTED]. It appears that further discussion with the Board [REDACTED] is needed at the time of the Board meeting.
MEETING OF THE REVIEW BOARD
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
(Minutes)

DATE: July 15, 1995

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Thomas Paprocki  Bernadette Connolly

* The Review Board approved the Minutes of the June 17, 1995 meeting pending Bishop Goedert’s notes to the Cardinal.

* Cardinal Bernadin formally accepted the Review Board’s recommendation of Bernadette Connolly as the Professional Fitness Review Administrator effective July 1st, 1995.
(G) Matter of PFR-02 (R.B.):

The PFRA informed the Board that R.B. will be submitting a letter requesting a Second Stage Review.

(H)
MEMO TO FILE: PFR-02
FROM: Bernadette Connolly, Administrator
RE: Richard Bartz
DATE: July 15, 1995

Summary of discussion from Professional Fitness Review Board, July 15, 1995:

The Professional Fitness Review Administrator informed the Board that Father Bartz will be submitting a letter requesting a Second Stage Review.
July 19, 1995

Rev. Richard Bartz
Columbus Hospital
2520 North Lakeview Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60614

Dear Doc,

This past week I was talking to Bernadette Connolly, the new Professional Fitness Review Administrator. She was giving me a rundown on the most recent PFR Board meeting. She mentioned that the Board brought up your situation. What is termed the "second stage review" has not yet taken place before the Board. A second stage review is an attempt to put some kind of closure on the matter.

In essence, you have to write to them to request this second stage review. In it you would ask for the review, give the salient reasons why you think this review is warranted, and give them some sense of how you view the future.

I think it’s a good time to begin this process and I believe it will work in your favor. I would like therefore to meet with you beforehand to describe how men have handled this kind of review in the past and what the letter to the Board might possibly contain. Please give me a call when you get a chance and I’ll drop by the hospital to go over this material.

Take care. I hope things are going well for you.

Fraternally yours,

Rev. Patrick O’Malley
Vicar for Priests
Memo to File
From: Rev. Patrick O’Malley
Date: 8/5/95
Re: Richard Bartz

On 8/4/95 I met with Fr. Richard Bartz at Columbus Hospital at 8 AM in the morning. We talked about the possibility of him asking for a second stage review before the PFR Board. The Board would like to put some closure on this matter.

I instructed him on the next steps to be taken towards that end. I explained what the outcome might be and that I thought it would be to his advantage. We talked about the content of a request and he agreed to run the letter past me beforehand so that I might offer some suggestions.
August 21, 1995

Dear Ray,

Recently I spoke with Pat O'Malley and he advised me that in light of the Cardinal's recent illness and period of recovery I should address this letter to you and you would take the necessary procedures.

I would like to initiate a second stage review by the Fitness Review Board. We both felt that this would be a good time to bring some closure to the events of 1987 and I hope you agree.

Know that you and the Cardinal and the Church are in my prayers during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Columbus-Cabrini Medical Center • Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
August 29, 1995

Reverend Richard B. Bartz
Columbus Hospital
2520 North Lakeview Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60614

Dear Doc:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of August 21, 1995. I discussed the matter with the Cardinal and he has approved your request to initiate a second stage review by the Fitness Review Board.

I presume you and Pat O'Malley will now take the necessary steps to begin this process. On a personal note, Doc, I certainly wish you well. You will be in my prayers.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert
Vicar General

cc: Reverend Patrick J. O'Malley
Dear Board Members,

I have recently approached Cardinal Bernardin and he has given me permission to make this appeal.

I am writing at this time to request a second stage review in order that I may continue in my present ministry without monitoring and bring to some closure the events of eight years ago.

Though prayer and reflection I have come to a deepened self-awareness. I have been able to name my life issues and have learned how to deal with them. For almost 8 years I have been celibate and sober and for seven years have been successful and happy in hospital ministry. In July I was named employee of the month and am the first priest ever to be awarded that honor.

I am very aware that the actions of my past have caused harm to others, the church and myself and I am deeply sorry for them. However, I cannot change them or make them go away but I know that I could never live through those dark days again and have taken the needed steps to stay physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually healthy. I exercise regularly and according to my doctor I am in top physical condition.

I plan on meeting regularly with the Vicar for Priests and have established a good support system and have learned how to balance my life and my work.

Most importantly I have gained a deeper awareness of God’s love and forgiveness through these last eight years and sense his presence more than ever in my life.

I am confident that I can continue in ministry for several reasons. For the 5 1/2 years that I lived at St. Eulalia and the 2 1/2 years that I have lived here at the hospital I have not relapsed. I have not and do not intend to work with persons under the age of eighteen. The work that I do gives me great satisfaction. I get great joy in bringing people back to the church and sacraments who have been alienated from the church by priests and pray that there will be someone to heal any pain that I have caused others. Because I am aware of my own sinfulness I believe that I am a very sensitive, sympathetic and comforting confessor. Being with people who are in pain and suffering and dying has helped me to better recognize the value of life and it’s shortness. At the same time I know that I need to take care of myself and not get overwhelmed by the sorrow that comes from this ministry. I have become aware that the issues of loss, isolation and loneliness are constants in life and I will always need to be aware of their presence and to appropriately deal with them. I have become much more flexible in my approach to life and in dealing with the daily frustrations that are a part of living.

In our department I stay calm and balanced and bring a sense of peace to our table of prayer each day. I have learned not to be impulsive but to be more reflective and think about the many consequences that any action or activity may have before acting on them or initiating them. I have the full support of my
director, Fr. Ted Flopis and will continue to share my life with him. I am enclosing his letter of two years ago as well as a recent update. If you would like letters from others who know of my progress I would be happy to obtain them for you. I feel that I have the support of the Cardinal, the Vicar for Priests and of all those who have been involved in my journey these last years and so I would ask that you grant this review and bring to closure my case.
August 30, 1995

Columbus Hospital
2520 North Lakeview Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60614
(312) 863-7300

Dear Board members,

I am writing this letter to let you know that Dr. Richard Bartz continues to be an exemplary minister of care and shepherd of souls as a part of the pastoral team at Columbus Hospital. As I have monitored his actions and behavior these past seven years, I see daily evidence of continued growth in his professional skills and effective and personal maturity. Last month, Richard was noted by his peers in health care as employee of the month. This is an honor justly deserved for all his diligent and compassionate work.

Dr. Bartz continued to have an excellent working relationship with myself and all our medical staff and employees. He has been a great spiritual and emotional support to many patients and families (never ministering to mortals). Often times, I receive beautiful letters from patients who appreciate Richard’s pastoral ministry.

Furthermore, I wish to reiterate the fact that Dr. Bartz continues to conduct himself in an
appropriate manner during work hours and after work hours. I have ample opportunity to observe him in both situations. He is always sober and takes
appropriate care of his physical and mental needs.
He eats well, exercises daily and gets ample rest.
I feel he is in excellent condition physically, emotionally
and spiritually. Because of his excellent health regimen, he accomplished all his responsibilities. He seemed to be very happy and satisfied with his
living and working conditions.

He explained to me an a number of blessings of how important his support network was
to him.

At this point, I no longer see a need to minister
Dr. Bartz in such an intense manner. He is definitely
in control of his life and he is very responsible for his
actions. I have tremendous respect and trust in his
judgments. He never acts irrationally nor always in a
calm, thoughtful manner. I urge you to give
Dr. Bartz a second stage review. Let him get his past
behind him, so he can get on with his productive life.

Sincerely,

Rev. Theodore Peylin
Director of Pastoral Care
Columbus Hospital
FILE PFR-02

Phone Call from Rev. Pat O’Malley Re Doc Bartz: 8/30/95

Pat O’Malley informed me today that Doc Bartz will be sending a letter to the Board requesting a Second Stage Review.
7. **Transfiguration Parish/Wauconda:** At the parish consultation, the parishioners expressed their desire to have the following priests named to the pastorate:

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  - 1 mention

Unsure of leadership

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IV **Acceptance of Agenda:** Accepted 7 - 0 - 0 with additions

V. E/#7

V **Business:**

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Though [redacted], prayer and reflection I have come to a deepened self-awareness. I have been able to name my life issues and have learned how to deal with them. For almost eight years I have been celibate and sober and for seven years have been successful and happy in hospital ministry. In July I was named employee of the month and am the first priest ever to be awarded that honor.

I am very aware that the actions of my past have caused harm to others, the church and myself and I am deeply sorry for them. However, I cannot change them or make them go away, but I have taken the needed steps to stay physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually healthy. I exercise regularly and according to my doctor I am in top physical condition. [redacted] I plan on meeting regularly with the Vicar for Priests and have established a good support system and have learned how to balance my life and my work. [redacted] Most importantly I have gained a deeper awareness of God's love and forgiveness through these last eight years and sense his presence more than ever in my life.
I am confident that I can continue in ministry for several reasons. For the five and one-half years that I lived at St. Eulalia and the two and one-half years that I have lived here at the hospital I have not relapsed. I have not and do not intend to work with persons under the age of eighteen. The work that I do gives me great satisfaction. Because I am aware of my own sinfulness I believe that I am a very sensitive, sympathetic and comforting confessor. Being with people who are in pain and suffering and dying has helped me to better recognize the value of life and it's shortness. At the same time I know that I need to take care of myself and not get overwhelmed by the sorrow that comes from this ministry. I have become aware that the issues of loss, isolation and loneliness are constants in life and I will always need to be aware of their presence and to appropriately deal with them as they surface. I have become much more flexible in dealing with the daily frustrations that are a part of living.

In our Pastoral Care Department I stay calm and balanced and bring a sense of peace to our table of prayer each day. I have learned not to be impulsive but to be more reflective. I have the full support of my director, Fr. Ted Ploplis and will continue to share my life with him. I am enclosing his letter of two years ago as well as a recent update. If you would like letters from others who know of my progress I would be happy to obtain them for you. I feel that I have the support of the Cardinal, the Vicar for Priests and of all those who know me.

I do have this request of the Board. When the prior Fitness Review Coordinator was in the process of leaving his position he, without my knowledge spoke to Sr. [redacted] who for a short time was Director of the Sponsorship Office for the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She in turn went to Father Ted Ploplis, beginning to question him regarding my monitoring needs. He intimated that no further monitoring was indicated. I feel the conversation was a breach of my confidentiality. My request is that confidentiality of my records and my history be maintained at all times. In the event that there is a need or a request to provide any information to another person or party, I would like to be notified first. I do not feel that I need to elaborate on the reasons why this is so important to me at this point in my recovery. I do welcome any questions you may have regarding this request.

I thank you for your time and interest regarding this Second Stage Review and hope that you will honor my request.

Sincerely,
Rev. Richard Bartz

Rev. Richard Bartz
MEMORANDUM

To: File
From: Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor
Date: November 18, 1995
Re: Review Board Meeting - REV. RICHARD B. BARTZ, ’74 - Second Stage Review

The Board considered the recommendation that Father Bartz need no longer be monitored locally, but should continue to report periodically to Bernadette Connolly, the FFRA. The Board also considered recommending, however, that his ministry continue to be restricted from ministry to minors (e.g., no ministry in the pediatrics unit) and from parish ministry.

The Board was willing to make these recommendations contingent on information provided to the FFRA concerning his support systems to deal with isolation.

The Board tabled making these recommendations final pending receipt of this information from the FFRA at the next meeting.
ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW BOARD

Minutes of Board Meeting
November 18, 1995
10:00 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Office of Professional Fitness Review

Present: Thomas Paprocki

PFR-02
The Board initiated a Second Stage Review at the request of R.B. The Board reviewed the correspondence and requested additional information prior to formulating a recommendation as to the need for further monitoring in his ministry at Columbus Hospital. One, the Board asked the Administrator for information as to the current schedule of D.B. and as to his supportive systems for prevention of isolation. This will likely entail a conference with R.B. Two, Board asked the Administrator for information as to her role monitoring the remaining protocol, should there no longer be an on-site monitor with R.B. This Second Stage Review was continued to the next meeting for this additional information.
Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board is Saturday, December 16, 1995 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Cardinal will be invited to attend this or another meeting in order to discuss the Board’s experience in reviewing cases and preparing recommendations.
Memo to File
From: Rev. Patrick O’Malley
Date: 11/27/95
Re: Rev. Richard Bartz

I spoke to Fr. Bartz on 11/27/95. I relayed to him the information that I received from Fr. Paprocki regarding the PFR Board’s ruling in his situation. From what I could gather from Paprocki, the Board is saying that the monitoring on site may be discontinued, but they would like Bartz to continue to be in contact with Bernadette Connolly.

Bartz would like to remain in residence at Columbus Hospital and feels that is working fine for him at this time.
MEMORANDUM

To: File
From: Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor
Date: December 16, 1995
Re: Review Board Meeting - REV. RICHARD B. BARTZ - Supplementary Review

The Review Board resumed its deliberation of the Second Stage Review, continued from last month's meeting.

The Review Board recommended that Father Bartz need no longer be monitored locally by Fr. Ploplis, except to the extent that Father Ploplis, as the Director of Pastoral Care, will continue to supervise his ministry. The Board recommends that Father Bartz should meet with the PPRA every other month and with the Vicar for Priests every other month. Father Bartz should also continue to be restricted from being alone with minors without another responsible adult present.
MEMO TO FILE: PFR-02
FROM: Bernadette Connolly, Administrator
RE: Richard Bartz
DATE: December 16, 1995

Summary of discussion from Professional Fitness Review Board, December 16, 1995:

Pursuant to Article (1104.10) the Review Board conducted a Second Stage Review. Based upon the information received and the Professional Fitness Review Administrator's report, the Board determined Father Bartz could remain in ministry without an on-site monitor. However, the Board recommended Father Bartz not be alone with persons under eighteen years of age without another responsible adult present. The Board also recommended that the Vicar for Priests and the PFR Administrator meet with Father Bartz on a monthly basis in order to monitor his remaining protocol.
ARCDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW BOARD

Minutes of Board Meeting
December 16, 1995
10:00 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Office of Professional Fitness Review

Board Members Present:

Others Present:
Bernadette Connolly  Thomas J. Paprocki

* The Review Board approved the Minutes of the September, October and November meetings.

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C. **Matter of PFR-02** *(Richard Bartz)*

Pursuant to Article 1104.10 the Board conducted a Second Stage Review. Based upon the information received and the Administrator’s report, the Board determined R.B. could remain in ministry without an on-site monitor. However, the Board recommended R.B. not be alone with persons under eighteen years of age without another responsible adult present. The Board also recommended that the Vicar for Priests and the Administrator meet with R.B. on a monthly basis in order to monitor his remaining protocol.
Our Next Meeting is scheduled for January 20, 1996.
Memo From
Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki

To: Cardinal Bernardin  Date: 12/19/95

For:  Information  
  Comment  
  Approval  
  Signature  
  Please draft a reply for Cardinal’s signature  
  Please draft a reply for my signature  
  Please reply in your own name  
  Please return  
  Please handle  
  Per conversation

Remarks:  Do you accept the Review Board’s recommendations as described in the attached memo?

Yes. I am somewhat surprised (happily, I must say) that they were so open.
ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of Professional Fitness Review
1 East Superior
Suite 504
Chicago, IL 60611

January 3, 1996

His Eminence
Joseph Cardinal Bernardin
Archbishop of Chicago
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 6690

Your Eminence,

Please be advised that the Review Board met on December 16, 1995. The Board fully considered all oral and written reports in the matter of Rev. Richard Bartz. The Board conducted a Second Stage Review pursuant to Article 1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Board determined that it is reasonable to keep Fr. Bartz in ministry in view of all the facts and circumstances.

Moreover, the Board recommends that the restrictions imposed on Fr. Bartz be discontinued. However, the Board also recommends that Fr. Bartz should not be alone with persons under eighteen (18) years of age without the presence of another responsible adult. Further, the Board recommends that the Vicar for Priests and the Professional Fitness Review Administrator visit with Fr. Bartz on a monthly basis.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

Bernadette Connolly
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

bc/dmv

cc: Members of the Review Board
Rev. Thomas Paprocki
Archbishop’s Delegate to the Review Board

bcc: Mr. John O’Malley
Legal Services
MEMORANDUM

To: Bernadette Connolly
From: Cardinal Bernardin
Date: January 8, 1996
Re: Father Richard Bartz

I have received your letter of January 3, 1996, informing me of the recommendation of the Review Board regarding Father Bartz. I am in agreement with the recommendation which I assume you will follow-up on. Please inform the Board of my concurrence and gratitude and many thanks to you!

CC: Father Paprocki
January 16, 1996

Reverend Richard B. Bartz
Columbus Hospital
2520 N. Lakeview Avenue
Chicago, IL 60614

Dear Father Bartz:

Please be advised that the Review Board met on December 16, 1995. At the meeting the Board fully considered all oral and written reports and conducted a Second Stage Review pursuant to Article 1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

Cardinal Bernardin accepted the Board’s determination that it is reasonable to keep you in ministry in view of all the facts and circumstances.

Moreover, the Cardinal accepted the Board’s recommendation that the restrictions imposed on you be discontinued and specifically, the monitoring of your activities should cease.

The Cardinal accepted the Board’s recommendation that you should not be alone with persons under eighteen years of age without the presence of another responsible adult. Also, the Vicar for Priests and myself will arrange monthly visits with you.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

Bernadette Connolly
Professional Fitness
Review Administrator

bc/dmv

cc: Members of the Review Board
Rev. Thomas Paprocki
Archbishop’s Delegate to the Review Board

bcc: Mr. John O’Malley
Legal Services
December 3, 1996

Fr. Tom Paprocki  
Chancellor  
Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, IL 60690

Dear Fr. Tom,

This letter is to notify you and Bishop Ray Goedert that I have accepted the position of Director of the Spiritual Care Center of Catholic Health Partners. Because this is a great responsibility, I can no longer fulfill my obligations as Rector of the National Shrine of St. Francis Cabrini. I suggested to the Provincial of the Missionary Sisters, Sr. [Name], that she and her Consul consider Fr. Richard Bartz as my successor. She accepted my suggestion and so Fr. Bartz is taking over my responsibilities.

Fr. Bartz' new position does not affect his role as Chaplain at Columbus Hospital. He will continue his duties as Chaplain as he has in the past.

Sincerely,

Fr. Ted Ploplis  
Director of the  
Spiritual Care of  
Catholic Health Partners

TP/jk
ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

January 7, 1997

Reverend Ted Ploplis
Columbus Hospital
2520 North Lakeview Avenue
Chicago, IL 60614

Dear Ted:

In response to your letter of December 3, 1996, I have consulted with Bishop Goedert, Diocesan Administrator, who has approved your assignment as Director of the Spiritual Care Center of Catholic Health Partners. However, for the time being he has not approved your resignation as Rector of the National Shrine of St. Francis Cabrini.

The reason for not accepting your resignation at present is that Father Richard Bartz is not eligible to take over your responsibilities unless and until the Professional Fitness Review Board gives its approval. I will present this proposal to the Review Board at its meeting on January 18, 1997.

In the meantime, the patience and understanding of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Father Bartz and yourself will be very much appreciated.

With every good wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Thomas J. Paprocki
Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki
Chancellor

Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Diocesan Administrator
Sister M.S.C., Provincial
Reverend Jeremiah Boland, Executive Director, Priests' Placement Board
Reverend Richard Bartz, Chaplain, Columbus Hospital
Ms. Bernadette Connolly, Professional Fitness Review Administrator
MEMORANDUM

To: File
From: Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor
Date: January 18, 1997
Re: REVIEW BOARD MEETING - REVEREND RICHARD BARTZ

The Review Board considered the question of the appointment of Father Richard Bartz as Pastor of the National Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini at Columbus Hospital.

The Review Board would like to see a job description before considering the appointment. Bernadette Connolly (Professional Fitness Review Administrator) will ask for these.
MEMO TO FILE:      PFR-02
FROM:              Bernadette Connolly, Administrator
RE:                Richard Bartz
DATE:              January 18, 1997

Summary of discussion from Professional Fitness Review Board, January 18, 1997:

Father Bartz is requesting a new position at Columbus Hospital. The position is Rector of the National Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini. Father Paprocki reported on this matter in that Father Bartz needs official clearance from the Board in order for an appointment to be considered. The Board requested [REDACTED] an official job description.
ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW BOARD

Meeting, Saturday, January 18, 1997
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Office of Professional Fitness Review

M I N U T E S

Members Present:

Others Present:
Rev. Thomas Paprocki
Bernadette Connolly

I. Review Board Matters
A.

B.

C.

D. Matter of PFR-02, Richard Bartz
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E. The Board recommended [redacted] as Chairperson of the Professional Fitness Review Board, and [redacted] as Co-Chairperson.

F. The Board recommends to Bishop Goedert the appointment of [redacted] and [redacted] to serve as members of the Professional Fitness Review Board.

Our next scheduled meeting is Saturday, February 15, 1997.
Dear Benedicta Connolly,

I thought you should know that for the last eight years, Dr. Richard Bartz has helped me with the running of our National Shrine. In 1992, when we were approved as a National Shrine by the U.S. Conference of Bishops, canons law required that someone should be named Rector of the Shrine. The Provincial of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart and her council appointed me in that position with the approval of Cardinal Berardinelli. I have been able to fulfill this role until I was given the position of Director of Pastoral Care at Catholic Health Partners. Because the work involved managing staff at three hospitals, I cannot care for the Shrine in the way I used to. You need someone on site everyday to accomplish this. The Shrine and I felt the logical choice to continue that ministry was Dr. Bartz. His work with the Shrine made many wonderful contacts with minions.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Dr. Ted Paganini
MINUTES
Review Board
Saturday, February 15, 1997 - 10:00 a.m.
Office of Professional Review

Members Present: [Redacted]


I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
The Review Board approved the minutes of the December 21, 1996 and January 18, 1997 meetings.

II. REVIEW BOARD MATTERS
A) [Redacted]

B) [Redacted]

C) [Redacted]
D) **Matter of PFR-02 [Reverend Richard Bartz]**

The Review Board received...

The Board recommends that Fr. Bartz is eligible to serve as Rector of the National Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini located at Columbus Hospital, Chicago, Illinois. Fr. Bartz is to continue with his work as Chaplain for Columbus Hospital. He is also not to be alone with persons under the age of eighteen.

E) 

F) 

Our next scheduled Review Board meeting is Saturday, March 15, 1997.
MEMO TO FILE: PFR-02
FROM: Bernadette Connolly, Administrator
RE: Richard Bartz
DATE: February 15, 1997

Summary of discussion from Professional Fitness Review Board, February 15, 1997

The Board conducted a Supplementary Review Pursuant to Article (1105.10) of the Review Process For Continuation Of Ministry. The Board determined that it is reasonable to keep Father Bartz in Ministry in view of all the facts and circumstances. The Board recommends that Father Bartz is eligible to serve as Rector of the National Shrine of St. Francis Xavier Cabrini located at Columbus Hospital, Chicago, IL. Father Bartz is to continue with his work as Chaplain for Columbus Hospital. He is not to be alone with persons under the age of eighteen.
MEMORANDUM

To: File
From: Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor
Date: February 18, 1997
Re: Review Board Meeting - REVEREND RICHARD BARTZ

On February 15, 1997, the Review Board met and after consideration, approved the assignment of Father Bartz as Rector of the National Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, in addition to his current chaplaincy duties and residence at Columbus Hospital. The Board reiterated that this means no ministry in the Pediatric Ward.
Meeting with Doc Bartz, PFR-02, and Larry McBrady

I met with Doc Bartz today. I first informed D.B. that the Board determined he is eligible to be the Rector of The National Shrine but I had not yet received notice from Bishop Goedert that he accepted the recommendation. I told Doc that once I received such notice I would then send him a formal letter of the decision. Doc still maintains his work as Chaplain of Columbus Hospital.

Terry and Doc share a summer home together at Wonder Lake. He is involved in an exercise program at Chicago Health Club. Doc participates in helping Terry McCarthy on weekends at this parish for Masses.

Doc discussed his concerns regarding the lack of support from the Vicar’s Office. Doc stated that he had no contact with the Vicar’s Office, and his only support system was Cardinal Joseph Bernardin. Doc also was upset that he did not hear from Fr. Thomas Paprocki about the position of Rector. I informed Doc that I would speak with Fr. Paprocki on this matter. I also asked Doc if I could visit with him at The Shrine. Doc agreed.
March 26, 1997

Reverend Richard Bartz
Columbus Hospital
2520 North Lakeview Avenue
Chicago, IL 60614

Dear Father Bartz:

In light of the positive recommendation of the Professional Fitness Review Board, I am pleased to approve your appointment as Rector of the National Shrine of St. Francis Cabrini, while retaining your duties as Chaplain at Columbus Hospital. I also concur with the Board's recommendation that you not be alone with persons under the age of eighteen.

I am grateful to the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Father Ploplis and yourself for your patience and understanding in awaiting this decision. Please be assured of my prayerful support in your new role as Rector of the National Shrine of St. Francis Cabrini.

With best wishes for a blessed Easter, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

[Signature]

Diocesan Administrator

Given at the Chancery

Thomas J. Paprocki
Chancellor

cc: Sister [Redacted] M.S.C., Provincial
Reverend Jeremiah Boland, Executive Director, Priests' Placement Board
Reverend Ted Ploplis, Director of Spiritual Care, Columbus Hospital
Ms. Bernadette Connolly, Professional Fitness Review Administrator
March 26, 1997

Reverend Ted Ploplis  
Columbus Hospital  
2520 North Lakeview Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60614

Dear Father Ploplis:

In light of the Professional Fitness Review Board's recommendation permitting Father Richard Bartz to be appointed Rector of the National Shrine of St. Francis Cabrini, I now accept your resignation from that office.

Ted, I am grateful to the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Father Bartz and yourself for your patience and understanding in awaiting this decision. I also very much appreciate all that you did as Rector of the Shrine. Please be assured of my prayerful support in your new role as Director of the Spiritual Care Center of Catholic Health Partners.

With best wishes for a blessed Easter, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

[Signature]

Diocesan Administrator

Given at the Chancery

[Signature]

Chancellor

cc: Sister [name], M.S.C., Provincial  
Reverend Jeremiah Boland, Executive Director, Priests' Placement Board  
Reverend Richard Bartz, Chaplain, Columbus Hospital  
Ms. Bernadette Connolly, Professional Fitness Review Administrator
14. **Richard Bartz ’74**: Bishop Raymond Goedert [Diocesan Administrator] has approved Rich’s appointment as Rector of the National Shrine of St. Francis Cabrini, while retaining his duties as Chaplain at Columbus Hospital.
14. Richard Bartz '74: Bishop Raymond Goedert [Diocesan Administrator] has approved Rich's appointment as Rector of the National Shrine of St. Francis Cabrini, while retaining his duties as Chaplain at Columbus Hospital.
April 7, 1997

Reverend Richard Bartz
Columbus Hospital
2520 N. Lakeview Avenue
Chicago, IL 60614

Dear Father Bartz:

Please be advised that the Review Board met on February 15, 1997. The Board fully considered all oral and written reports and conducted a Supplementary Review pursuant to Article 1104.11 of the Review Board Process For Continuation of Ministry.

Bishop Goedert accepted the Board’s determination that your appointment as Rector of The National Shrine of St. Frances Cabrini has been approved. In keeping with your current duties as Chaplain at Columbus Hospital, Bishop Goedert accepted the Board’s recommendation that you not be alone with persons under the age of eighteen (18) without another responsible adult present.

I was very pleased we had the opportunity to meet with each other. I look forward to visiting The National Shrine of St. Frances Cabrini.

Very truly yours,

Bernadette Connolly
Professional Fitness
Review Administrator

cc: Members of the Review Board
Rev. Thomas Paprocki
Archbishop’s Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. Lawrence McBrady, Vicar for Priests
MEMO TO FILE - 5/28/97

I spoke with Fr. Thomas J. Paprocki. He informed me that Ted Ploplis is no longer living at Columbus Hospital. Therefore, Doc is living alone. Fr. Paprocki was concerned about Doc in terms of a loss of religious community. Doc apparently is having meals by himself and celebrating Mass alone except when his duties are needed at the hospital. I informed Fr. Paprocki that I would speak with Larry McBrady about this matter.
MINUTES

Members Present:

Others Present:
Bernadette Connolly

I. Approval of Minutes
   A. The Review Board approved the Minutes of the May 17, 1997 meeting.

II. Review Board Matters
   A. Matter of PFR-02, Richard Bartz
      The Administrator informed the Board of

   B. 

   C. 

.............continued
Minutes, 6/21/97 PFRB Mtg.

III. Other Matters
A. [Redacted] has decided not to renew his term which expires in September, 1997. [Redacted] is willing to stay on until his position is filled. "We will miss you dearly!"

Our next scheduled meeting is Saturday, July 19, 1997 at 10:00 AM.
MEMO TO FILE: PFR-02
FROM: Kathleen Legdas
RE: Richard "Doc" Bartz
DATE: February 12, 1999

RB and I met on February 9, 1999. This was our initial direct contact and RB seemed comfortable and enthusiastic in describing his work at Columbus Hospital as well as with the Cabrini Shrine. He had a few suggestions regarding my work and office procedures.

- Avoid Friday afternoon phone calls so that an individual does not have to worry about the nature of the call from this office over the weekend.
- RB said that he understood the need to be pastoral to the victims, but suggested that the PFRA should be able to be pastoral to "all sides" - his comments related to this suggestion come from his experience related to having allegations of this nature made and the consequent changes in a person's life.

We also discussed the issue of return to ministry, and the length of time without further allegations/incidents before this can be considered by the Board.

cc: Review Board Members
    Rev. Thomas Paprocki,
    Archbishop's Delegate to the Board
    Rev. Larry McBrady, VP
MEMO TO FILE: PFR-02
FROM: Kathleen Leggda, Administrator
RE: Reverend Richard Bartz
DATE: May 19, 1999

In our initial meeting on May 18th, Father Bartz and I had discussed my visiting him at the Mother Cabrini Shrine at Columbus Hospital where he is chaplain. I attended the 11:30 mass at which he was celebrant, toured the Shrine, and had lunch in the hospital cafeteria with him.

Father Bartz is clearly enthusiastic regarding his appointment at the Shrine, as well as work in the hospital. He greeted patients and staff alike as we toured various areas. He lives in a private apartment adjacent to the chapel and though alone, says he seeks out company of friends and fellow clergy as well as family. He is an avid (successful) gardener, exercises regularly at a local health club, is actively involved with family matters and has a variety of interests which city life allows him to enjoy: lakefront walking; art, music, etc.

His father was recently moved to a skilled nursing care facility, he has Alzheimer's. Father Bartz and his siblings are making provision for moving his mother out of her home and into an assisted care facility. This has naturally been time consuming as well as stressful, but he acknowledges the sibling support system is strong.

We both appreciated the opportunity to talk and establish a more comfortable relationship between us. He did say that he had felt somewhat "abandoned" after the allegations were made public and that Father McBrady's support has been helpful. I assured him that my role and that of the PFR Board should also be a source of support for him.

cc: PFR Board Members
    Rev. Tom Paprocki, Delegate to the Cardinal
    Rev. Larry McBrady, Vicar for Priests
PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW BOARD MEETING

Saturday, June 19, 1999
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

AGENDA

I. Approval of Minutes: May 15, 1999

II. Review Board Matters
   A. 
   B. 
   C. 
   D. 
   E. 
   F. 
   G. Rev. Richard "Doc" Bartz, PFR-02

III. Other business.

   Next regularly scheduled meeting is Saturday, July 17, 1999.
Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting  
Saturday, July 17, 1999

MINUTES

Review Board Members Present:


Others Present:


Absent:


I. Case Reviews:

A. Approval of May 15, 1999 minutes deferred.

B. 

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II. **Other Business:**

Update on items from June 19, 1999 meeting which was cancelled.

Next regularly scheduled meeting is Saturday, August 21, 1999.
Phone Conversation – PFR-02

Date: 8/10/99  Time: 11:00 a.m.
To: Doc Bartz

Date: 8/16/99  Time: 11:00 a.m.
To: Doc Bartz

Date: 8/23/99  Time: 1:20 p.m.
- Called re: suicide in hospital chapel yesterday 8/22/99.
- Confirm when Larry McBrady/VP returns from vacation.

Date: 8/30/99  Time: 5:26 p.m.
From: Larry McBrady/Vicar for Priests

Date: 8/31/99  Time: 11:30 a.m.
To: Larry McBrady/VP
- Returning call; in Mundelein – Confirm Sept. 29th for “Doc”.

Date: 9/1/99   Time: 6:22 p.m.
From: Doc Bartz

Date: 9/2/99   Time: 9:10 a.m.
To: Doc Bartz

Date: 9/20/99  Time: 10:50 a.m.
To: Doc Bartz
- Relayed time to Fr. McBrady
- Left message

Date: 9/20/99  Time: 6:56 p.m.
From: Doc Bartz
- On September 29th at 4:00 p.m. a meeting with him is set up.

Date: 4/3/00   Time: AM
To: Doc Bartz
- Called – does not have a computer. Parents both ill.
- Mass and lunch at hospital 4/11/00 at 11:30 a.m.
Memorandum

Memo to File: PFR-02  
From: Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator
Re: Rev. Richard “Doc” Bartz  
Date: April 19, 2000

PFRA attended 11:30 mass at St. Francis Xavier Cabrini Shrine, Columbus Hospital. Father Bartz was the celebrant. Afterward we had lunch in the hospital cafeteria.

Regular exercise, strong family, and social relationships are part of his support system. Meaningful prayer and liturgical involvement in the Shrine are spiritual supports of which he avails himself.

Father Bartz sounds very aware of his need to take care of himself and make time to focus on appropriateness of relationships and celibacy issues. He continues to demonstrate confidence in his ability to maintain balance in his life.

Cc: Review Board Members
Rev. Larry McBrady, Vicar for Priests
The Individual Specific Protocol (ISP) reflects the primary goal of protecting minors and the integrity of the Church. Additionally, the ISP serves as a safeguard for the individual priest/deacon with regard to the possibility of subsequent allegations.

Professional Fitness Review clients will be subject to appropriate restrictions and monitoring by the Professional Fitness Review Administrator throughout the life of the individual as a priest/deacon in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The ISP for Fr. Bartz includes but is not limited to the following:

1. Restricted from being alone with minors without the presence of another responsible adult.

2. 

3. Meet with PFRA twice annually.

4. Continue ministry, restricted from serving as chaplain for patients under eighteen years of age.

5. This is a working document which can be changed, altered or superceded when there is an indicated need to do so.

6. In order to change this protocol, prior approval must be obtained from the Professional Fitness Review Board.

7. A copy of this Protocol will be kept on file in Professional Fitness Review and Vicar for Priests Offices.

I have reviewed, understand, and agree to all requirements of this Protocol.

Signed: [Signature]
Printed Name: Richard B. Bartz
Signature of PFRA: [Signature]

July 19, 2000

Rev. Richard “Doc” Bartz
Columbus Hospital
2520 N. Lakeview
Chicago, IL 60614

Dear Father Bartz,

It hardly seems possible that it has been more than six months since we last met. As you may recall, the protocol requires that we meet a minimum of twice annually. This gives us an opportunity to discuss your protocol restrictions in light of your current status and enables me to more clearly relate your progress, needs and concerns to the members of the Review Board.

With the arrival of Father James Kaczyrowski, some of you have been assigned a new Vicar. For your information, your current Vicar is now Father Larry McBrady. He and I would like to meet with you at my office before September 15, 2000. This will allow for summer vacations not yet taken and enable us to find a time that is mutually agreeable to each of us.

Please call me with a couple of dates at your earliest convenience.

Thanks in advance for your attention to this matter. If there are other ways our office can be of assistance to you, I would be happy to hear from you at this time as well.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Leggdas
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

KL/Inp

Cc: Rev. Larry McBrady, Vicar for Priests
Phone Conversation – PFR-02

Date: 8/11/00       Time: AM
To: “Doc” Bartz
- Meeting with Fr. Larry McBrady/Vicar for Priest on September 1 at 10:00 a.m.
- Lunch to follow

Date: 10/12/00      Time: AM
To: “Doc” Bartz
From: PFRA
- Appointment with Fr. Larry McBrady, Vicar for Priests

Date: 10/24/00      Time: 9:52 a.m.
From: “Doc” Bartz
- Neither dates for meeting with him and Father McBrady are good
- Out of town until Sunday
- Can be reached after that to reschedule

Date: 11/1/00       Time: AM
To: Father Larry McBrady/Vicar for Priests
- Dates for meeting with “Doc”
- Wednesday, November 8th NOT 1:00
- November 10th PM

Time: 12:25 p.m.
To: Father McBrady
- Regarding “Doc” Bartz
- LNP gave him message regarding Wednesday, November 8 at 11 to meet with Kathleen L and him.
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I have reviewed, understand, and agree to all requirements of this Protocol.

Signed: [Signature] Date: 11-8-2000

Printed Name: Richard B. Bartz

Signature of PFRA: [Signature] Date: 11-8-2000
Memorandum

Memo to File: PFR-02

From: Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator

Re: Rev. Richard “Doc” Bartz

Date: November 8, 2000

Present at Meeting:

Rev. Richard Bartz
Rev. Larry McBrady, Vicar for Priests
Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA]

Meeting Content:

- Review of current protocol with addition of monthly report of Internet sites visited to be submitted to PFRA.
- Recently, Father Bartz’s father died and he has been using strong family supports, friends as a support system.

No protocol recommendations for changes will be made at this time.

Cc: Review Board Members
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal’s Delegate to the Review Board
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To: File – PFR-02

From: Kathleen Leggadas, Administrator

Re: Rev. Richard “Doc” Bartz

Date: March 17, 2001

Summary of discussion from the Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting on March 17, 2001:

The Board members discussed his case. Father Bartz seems to be progressing well. Some concern was expressed over the fact that he lives alone (in the hospital?) but he seems to have a network of friends, stays sober, and exercises regularly. It was remarked that he has handled some difficult situations well, including a suicide. Some Board members requested to be brought up to date on R.B.’s duties at the hospital.
Phone Conversation – PFR-02

Date: 4/19/01                  Time: AM
To: Doc Bartz

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To:       File – PFR-02

From:    Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki  
Archbishop’s Delegate to the Professional Fitness Review Board

Re:      Review Board Meeting – Rev. Richard Bartz

Date:    August 18, 2001

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8/27/2001 – At today’s PCAC mtg.,
MINUTES

Review Board Members Present:

Absent:

Non-members present:
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal’s Delegate to the Review Board
Kathleen Leggadas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

I. Approval of minutes from April 21, 2001

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B. In the Matter of
III. Other Business

[Redacted] and [Redacted] terms are up in September of 2001.

Both [Redacted] and [Redacted] will serve another term.

[Redacted] will serve until a replacement is found.

Cc: Members of the Review Board
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal’s Delegate to Review Board
Rev. Larry McBrady, Vicar for Priests
Professional Fitness Review Board

Saturday, August 18, 2001
10:00 – 12:00

I. Approval of Minutes from April 21, 2001 and Special Session, June 30, 2001

II. Case Reviews

A. In the Matter of [redacted]
   • [redacted]

B. In the Matter of Rev. Richard Bartz, PFR-02
   • Review of job description

C. In the Matter of [redacted]
   • [redacted]

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To:       File – PFR-02
From:     Kathleen Leggdas, Administrator
Re:       Rev. Richard Bartz
Date:     August 31, 2001

Father Bartz called PFRA to provide an update on the status of Cabrini Hospital. Dr. [Redacted] will be moving out sooner than planned. There will be four separate liturgical celebrations to mark the closure of the hospital and the temporary closure of the Shrine.

Professional Fitness Review Board wanted to ensure ministry at Ravenswood would not include minors. Father Bartz would be working only on neuro-surgery unit with Dr. [Redacted] and would refer any adolescent/minors to the hospital chaplain.

PFRA advised Father Bartz to notify and keep in contact with Bishop Conway regarding tentative plans to work with Dr. [Redacted] at Ravenswood Hospital. Board positive response to proposed living arrangement of sharing condo with his mother was also communicated.

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October 16, 2001

Rev. Richard “Doc” Bartz
Columbus Hospital
2520 N. Lakeview
Chicago, Illinois 60614

Dear Father Bartz,

November marks a period of one year since you signed your Individual Protocol for the Office of Professional Fitness Review. As these need to be reviewed and revised annually, please call at your earliest convenience so that a meeting date and time can be designated. The Vicar for Priests will again be in attendance.

There are standard protocol items for all priests monitored by this office. These include the following:

- Restriction from being alone with minors without the presence of another responsible adult
- Meet with Professional Fitness Review Administrator twice annually (PFRA)
- Submit copy of all sites visited on the Internet to PFRA monthly

And recently added to all protocols by the Review Board:

- [Redacted]

The Review Board determines other protocol items based on the individual priest and the nature of the allegations brought against him.

I can be reached by telephone at 312-751-5205.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Leggdas
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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Cc: Rev. Larry McBrady, Vicar for Priests
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Phone Conversation – PFR-02

Date: 8/10/01  Time: 1:57 p.m.
From: "Doc" Bartz
- Phoned
- Asked about PFRA's mother
- He will call back sometime next week

Date: 8/29/01  Time: 2:15 p.m.
From: Father Bartz
- Phoned
- Will call again

Date: 11/6/01  Time: 3:39 p.m.
From: Father Bartz
- Will call back to set up time to meet with him
  and Father McBrady

Time: 4:31 p.m.
From: Father Bartz
- Left message on voice mail
- Available to meet on Friday, November 16th
  anytime or Tuesday, November 20th after 1:00 p.m.

Date: 11/9/01  Time: AM
To: Doc Bartz —
- Regarding Protocol Review
- November 21st anytime
- November 20 before 11:00 a.m.
- Left message

Date: 11/12/01  Time: 3:48 a.m.
From: Doc Bartz —
- Anytime/place in PM on November 21st
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312-751-5205

INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOL
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Signed: [Signature]
Printed Name: Richard B. Bartz
Date: 11/21/01

Signature of PFRA: Kathleen Seigler
Date: 11/21/01

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To:       File – PFR-02

From:     Michael C. Just, Interim Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Re:       Rev. Richard Bartz (Withdrawn)

PFRA attempted to locate victim, regarding his allegations against Fr. Richard Bartz and status of RB’s case. Last contact information was former employer, who would not provide any current contact phone numbers for Phone book search yielded several VAM has no additional contact information regarding

Cc:       Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal’s Delegate to the Review Board
          Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
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Memorandum

To: File – PFR-02
From: Kathleen Leggadas, Administrator
Re: Rev. Richard “Doc” Bartz
Date: February 25, 2002

Per phone conversation on April 19, 2002:

- Regarding obtaining a copy of his job description for Review Board
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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

COMPLIANCE WITH MONITORING PROTOCOLS

Name of cleric: Richard Bartz  Year of ordination: 1974  Age: 53

Current ministerial assignment (if any): Ravenswood Hospital, Chaplain

Current place of residence: [Redacted] - with mother

According to Archdiocesan policy §1104.12.2, a cleric who has engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor will be subject to appropriate monitoring for the remainder of his life as a cleric of the Archdiocese and his file shall remain open. Policy §1104.12.3 provides that monitoring programs and protocols should be applied on a case by case basis but must include certain essential components. This worksheet indicates whether there is compliance with these essential elements, as follows:

- Continuing jurisdiction and oversight by the Review Board with periodic evaluation and reports to the Archbishop: (circle one) YES NO
  Description of continuing oversight: Meet with Professional Fitness Review Administrator
  Date of last evaluation and report: November 21, 2001

- A written protocol signed by the cleric, which sets forth the particular requirements applicable to him: (circle one) YES NO
  Date of current written and signed protocol: November 21, 2001

- Restrictions from being alone with anyone under the age of 18: (circle one) YES NO

- Communication with leaders and others as appropriate in the cleric's residence or place of ministry in order that they are meaningfully apprised and able to assist in the program:
  (Circle one) YES NO
  With whom? Sr. [Redacted] at Columbus Hospital. Dr. [Redacted] at Ravenswood

- Does the cleric use the Internet? (circle one) YES NO
  If yes, does he provide the Professional Fitness Review Administrator with a monthly printout of Internet sites visited? (Circle one) YES NO

Other monitoring provisions or restrictions: __________________________________________________________

______________________________________________  March 14, 2002
Signature of Professional Fitness Review Administrator  Date
Client Case Review
Professional Fitness Review Office
March 14, 2002

PFR-02  Rev. Richard Bartz

Three individual allegations of exposing genitals, touching boys while sleeping. Incidents took place between 1976 and 1987. Reviewed by Board in 1992. Father Bartz is currently under standard protocol and in full, active ministry as Chaplain at Ravenswood Hospital in Chicago with no on-site monitor assigned. Immediate supervisor is aware of Review status. [Redacted]
1. Name: Richard B. Bartz  
   Date Ordained: 5/8/74
   Birth Date:  
   Current S/S #:  

2. Current Residence: with mother  
   Address:  
   Date: 3/14/02
   Telephone: Home:  
   Office:  
   Pager:  

3. Ministry: Hospital Chaplain, Ravenswood  
   Status (Check one)  
   Active:  
   Deceased:  
   Resigned:  
   Withdrawn:  
   Other:  
   Date: 3/14/02

4. Allegation(s):
   Date: 8/21/87  
   Date of the Offense(s): 8/14/87  
   Sex/Age: M/17  
   Credibility: Yes  
   9/29/87  
   9/7/87  
   M/19 Adult  
   7/1/92  
   1/76  
   M/19 Adult  

5. General Nature of Allegation(s):
   Inappropriate undisclosed sexual misconduct with a minor and exposing himself, unzipping clothing of minor
   while asleep/with a 19 year-old male.

6. Protocol: on file  
   Original Date: 9/9/93  
   Review Dates:  
   9/28/94  
   11/8/00  
   Review Dates:  
   11/21/01
9. **Education:**
   M. Div. SML

10. **Ministerial Assignments:**
    - Ascension, Oak Park 1974 - 1979
    - Transfiguration, Wauconda 1979 - 1984
    - Mundelein Seminary 1984 - 1987
    - Columbus Hospital 1987 - present

11. **Family Composition:**
    - Parents:
    - Siblings:

12. **Monitors:**
    - Address:
    - Phone:
      - None

13. **Emergency Contacts:**
    1st
    - Relationship: Brother
    - Home #: 
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    - Relationship: Brother
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14. **Other Concerns:**
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Professional Fitness Review Board

Saturday, March 16, 2002

MINUTES

Review Board Members Present:

Absent:

Non-members present:
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal’s Delegate to the Review Board
Kathleen Leggidas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

I. Case Reviews in light of Cardinal’s request for Supplementary Reviews

A. In the Matter of [Redacted]

B. In the Matter of [Redacted]
C. In the Matter of Rev. Richard Bartz, PFR-02

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I. In the Matter of

J. In the Matter of
II. Budget Review Postponed to April Meeting

Next regularly scheduled meeting is April 20, 2002

Cc: Members of the Review Board
    Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to Review Board
    Rev. Larry McBrady, Vicar for Priests
    Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
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March 25, 2002

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago
155 E. Superior Street
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the Review Board met on March 16, 2002. The Board fully considered all oral and written reports in the matter of Rev. Richard Bartz. The Board conducted a Supplementary Review pursuant to Article 1104.11 of the Policies and Procedure for Determination of Fitness for Ministry.

Based on that review the Board recommends the following:

- That Dr. [redacted] medical director of Ravenswood Hospital be informed of Father Bartz’s protocol and serve as daytime monitor.
- That any ministry outside the hospital be pre-approved by PFRA and Vicar for Priests.

If you have questions or comments, please call at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Leggda
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Cc: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal’s Delegate to the Review Board
    Rev. Larry McBrady, Vicar for Priests
April 1, 2002

Ms. Kathleen Leggdas
Administrator
Office of Professional Fitness Review
676 N. St. Clair, Suite 1910
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Ms. Leggdas,

I received from you the review of all the outstanding cases of reported sexual misconduct with minors by members of the Archdiocesan clergy. I thank you sincerely for the good work of the Office and your own dedication to a task so important for the Church’s ministry.

I accept all the recommendations in the letters that you sent me, dated March 25, 2002. In the case of accusations against priests who are now deceased, I would like to know how it is that we are going to be of service to the victims who have brought the allegations forward at this time.

This acceptance of all recommendations made will be seconded to all parties concerned, so that the recommendations can be implemented as quickly as possible. Again, thank you for your dedication and for the help you bring to victims and clergy.

Sincerely,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

cc: Most Rev. Raymond Goedert
    Rev. Thomas Paprocki
    Rev. James Kaczorowski
    Rev. Lawrence McBrady
    Mr. Jimmy Lago
Memorandum

To: File - PFR-02
From: Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA]
Re: Rev. Richard Bartz
Date: April 5, 2002

A summary of the discussion from the Professional Fitness Review Meeting on March 16, 2002:

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Memorandum

To: File – PFR-02
From: Kathleen Leggdas, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA]
Re: Rev. Richard Bartz
Date: April 8, 2002

On April 4, 2002 PFRA received a phone call from Rev. Richard Bartz. Per Review Board recommendation, Dr. [Redacted] of Ravenswood Hospital has been informed about the Protocol and allegations against Father Bartz.

Any minor patients will be referred to other Chaplain for services and Dr. [Redacted] will serve as on-site monitor for Father Bartz.

New telephone numbers were also provided:

[Redacted]

Cc: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal’s Delegate to the Review Board
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Victim Statement Abstract

This abstract replaces a memorandum, dated May 7, 2002, prepared by Fr. Larry McBrady, Vicar for Priests, regarding a phone call from a relative of Victims ID and IE. Victims ID and IE were allegedly abused by Fr. Richard Bartz. The relative sought assurance from McBrady that Bartz was not in parish ministry and not in position to harm children. McBrady reported to the relative that Bartz was in a monitored work environment and not allowed to have any contact with minors. McBrady also offered to meet with the relative and his family members if they had any additional questions about Bartz.
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Professional Fitness Review
May 14, 2002

Client Case Review: Father Richard Bartz
PFR-02

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Review Board found reasonable cause to suspect misconduct occurred.
You should be informed that the pastor of the Shrine of St. Frances Cabrini in Chicago, Fr. Richard "Doc" Bartz, has been accused of molestation by multiple parties, all male.

These charges date back to the mid-to-late 1970s.

His position at the shrine was intended to remove him from parish work because of these charges.

Please confer with the Archdiocese to confirm this information.

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MSN Photos is the easiest way to share and print your photos:
Memorandum

To:        Fr. Larry McBrady
           Fr. James Kaczmowski
From:      Joan McGlinchey, MSC
Date:      May 29, 2002
Re:        Point of info sent to MSC Foundation Office in New York City - call and e-mail received today

I received a call about this matter from Sr. [redacted] a Provincial Council member of my Community in New York City.

I was Provincial when Fr. Bartz came aboard as chaplain at Columbus Hospital in 1988 after teaching at Mundelein Seminary.

To my knowledge, no information about Fr. Bartz was shared with us at that time or after. We have been through multiple transitions of CEO’s, Sisters and systems in recent years.

Is this information about “Doc” true? If so, how would you suggest we handle this communication? We have welcomed him into multiple Cabrini circles here in Chicago and across the country. We never had a report of any allegations of this nature.

We do not know who [redacted] is. He or she is not a known friend of the Shrine or the Community.

Please advise.

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From: Mary Ann Zuehl

Fax Number:

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MESSAGE:

___URGENT ___FOR YOUR REVIEW ___REPLY ASAP ___COMMENT

Hi Kathleen,

Sorry. I thought I had faxed the attached to your office last week about which Joan McQuilley spoke to you.

Have a good day in the midst of the "overload."

Mary Ann
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Dear Cardinal George,

Before Ordination I signed
the documents that said I
believed God was calling me to
priesthood. I have held that belief
for 40 years. However at this point
in my life and the life of the
Church, after prayer and discernment
I wish to resign my position as
Hospital chaplain, and my ministering
and be released from the priesthood.

It appears that the new Church
policy of Zero Tolerance offers little or
no hope of ministering to anyone who
has sinned. I fully understand
the pressure that you and the Bishops
are under and I will pray that the
Holy Spirit will guide all of your
future decisions. I will begin
the laicization process when you
think it appropriate.

Respectfully in Christ

[Signature]
G. Vicar for Priests Agenda:

I. Priests:

a) Richard Bartz '74
G. Vicar for Priests Agenda:

I. Priests:

a) **Richard Bartz '74**: Doc resigned from the priesthood.
ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop

155 E. Superior St.
Chicago, Illinois 60611

July 17, 2002

Rev. Richard B. Bartz
C/O Vicar for Priests Office
645 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 543
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Father Bartz:

I received your letter of June 18 in which you asked to resign from active ministry. I apologize that it has taken me this long to respond.

Despite the difficulties you have had, I am grateful for the many years of service you gave to the people of the Archdiocese of Chicago, especially in hospital ministry. I am also grateful for the way in which you cooperated with all the requests of the Archdiocese in these past years. I know that your decision to resign from active ministry and seek laicization has been a particularly difficult one for you. I can only pray that out of all this you will discover a sense of peace, and that the Lord of Life will raise you up from this very difficult moment in your life.

Since the process commonly called "laicization" is the only true way to be relieved from the obligations of the priesthood, I am grateful that you have already considered this. I urge you to speak with Father Pat Lagges about this matter.

Since you may have some questions about what you can or can't do as a priest who has left the active ministry, I have asked Father Lagges to write to you about this.

I accept your letter of resignation, but I hope you know of my continued concern for you. You will remain in my prayers. I ask that you remember me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

Please let me know how you're doing as a layman.
19 July, 2002

Richard B. Bartz
C/O Vicar for Priests Office
645 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 543
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Doc:

Cardinal George has asked me to write to you about the practical implications of your decision to leave active ministry and to discuss with you the possibility of seeking laicization. I am sure this has been a very difficult decision for you, Doc. I hope that in the midst of your struggle, you have also found some sense of peace.

With regard to what leaving the active ministry means in practical terms, it means that you are no longer authorized to exercise public ministry in the name of the Church, or to present yourself as a priest or a representative of the Archdiocese of Chicago. It also means that you are no longer authorized by the State of Illinois to witness marriages. However, you may still administer the sacrament of Penance to someone who is in danger of death.

Although your ministry as a priest is restricted, you can most certainly participate in the life of the Church in the same way that any baptized person can. It is probably even more important in this time of transition that you feel a strong sense of God’s presence in your life, and feel the support of God’s people.

As Cardinal George pointed out, the only official way to be relieved of the obligations of the priesthood is through laicization. If you are interested in exploring this possibility, I ask that you contact me as soon as possible. I can help you to prepare your petition to Rome and let you know more of the details of the process.

I pray that the days ahead may be a time of healing for you, Doc, and that the great sadness that surrounds all these events may give way to resurrection and life for us all.

Fraternally,

(Rev.) Patrick R. Lagges
Vicar for Canonical Services
MEMORANDUM

TO: Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Ministry
    Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
    Jimmy Lago, Chancellor
    Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review
    John O'Malley, Legal Services
    Rev. Thomas Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the PFRB
    Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests

FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant
      Professional Fitness Review Office

DATE: October 15, 2002

RE: [PFR-02] Bartz, Rev. Richard "Doc"/

Attached is a copy of an allegation received by this office on 4/24/02. We are opening a file and Leah McCluskey, Interim Professional Fitness Review Administrator will begin the review process by attempting to arrange an interview with [REDACTED] Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Bartz, Richard.

Thank you.

Attachment

cc: Most Rev. Raymond E. Goedert
MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-02

From: Michael C. Just, Interim Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Re: Rev. Richard Bartz (Withdrawn)

Date: November 13, 2002

PFRA attempted to locate victim, [redacted] regarding his allegations against Fr. Richard Bartz and status of RB’s case. Last contact information was former employer, who would not provide any current contact phone numbers for [redacted] Phone book search yielded several [redacted] VAM has no additional contact information regarding [redacted]

Cc: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal’s Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Ministry
John O’Malley, Legal Services
November 20, 2002

Patrick G. Reardon, Esq.
221 N. LaSalle St.
Suite 1938
Chicago, IL 60601

Re: Richard Bartz

Dear Mr. Reardon:

Enclosed is an original executed copy of the Exit Agreement in this matter, which includes your address and the address for Richard Bartz that you gave me. Also enclosed [redacted] Please call if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Patricia B. Carlson

Patricia B. Carlson
BURKE, WARREN, MACKAY & SERRITELLA, P.C.

Mr. Patrick G. Reardon
November 20, 2002
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bcc:  John C. O’Malley
      Rev. James Kaczorowski
      James A. Serritella

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MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-02

From: Michael C. Just, Interim Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Re: Bartz, Richard (Resigned)

Date: November 26, 2002

On November 22, 2002, PFRA met with Fr. James Kaczorowski regarding the case of victim, [redacted], and accused, Richard B. Bartz [RB]. On 4/24/02, [redacted] had requested information from PFRA regarding the current ministry status of RB. Although PFRA has been unable to contact him via telephone or mail due to a lack of up-to-date contact information, JK informed PFRA at today’s meeting that [redacted] had been notified approximately 8 weeks ago that RB left the priesthood in June, 2002.

Cc: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal’s Delegate to the Review Board
    Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
    Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Ministry
    John O’Malley, Legal Services
April 11, 2003

Mr. Richard Bartz

Dear Mr. Bartz,

This letter is to inform you that the auto insurance coverage provided for you by the Archdiocese will terminate as of May 11, 2003. This notice will provide time for you to make arrangements for other coverage.

Both Jim Kaczorowski and I wish you well. Easter blessings and peace!

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Zrust, SLW
Associate Director

Cc: Matthew Kaminski
October 7, 2003

Richard Bartz

Dear Richard,

As of November 11, 2003 the health insurance coverage provided for you by the Archdiocese will terminate. This notice is being sent to give you ample time to procure an alternate means of health insurance.

Together with the Vicars for Priests, Jim Kaciorowski and Tom Tivy, I wish you well as we move through this autumn season. God be with you in all that you do.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Zrust, SLW
Associate Director
Vicar for Priests

Cc: Alex Becker
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS 
COUNTY DEPARTMENT- CHANCERY DIVISION

Mother Doe 100, individually and as
representative of the minor John Doe 100,
on behalf of themselves and all others
similarly situated.

Plaintiffs,

vs.

The Archdiocese of Chicago d/b/a The Catholic
Bishop of Chicago, a corporation sole,

Defendant.

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

NOW COMES the Plaintiffs, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, by and
through their attorneys, JEFF ANDERSON & ASSOCIATES and KERNS, PITROF, FROST &
PEARLMAN, to obtain declaratory and injunctive relief against Defendant, states as follows:

INTRODUCTION

1. This Complaint seeks declaratory judgment and injunctive relief against the
Archdiocese of Chicago. The Archdiocese of Chicago has established a policy of harboring and
protecting suspected child molesting agents, thereby endangering numerous children in Illinois.
The Archdiocese has information about a number of suspected child molesting agents that it has
never disclosed to law enforcement or the public at large, thereby causing children such as John
Doe 100 to be harmed. Further, on information and belief, the Archdiocese has a policy and

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practice of document destruction. This declaratory relief and injunction action seeks to have the Archdiocese produce all documents regarding the molestation of children by its agents for court supervision, to release the names of all agents accused of molesting children to the court and to the public, and to enjoin the Archdiocese from destroying any documents regarding suspected childhood sexual abuse by its agents.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. This Court has jurisdiction over this action because it seeks to redress violations of the plaintiffs’ rights and to protect children in Illinois that are in imminent danger. Venue is proper because the Archdiocese resides in Cook County and the majority of the allegations herein involve occurrences in Cook County.

PARTIES

3. Plaintiff John Doe 100 is a minor. Mother Doe 100 is John Doe 100's mother and legal guardian. At all times material, Plaintiff John Doe 100 was a resident of the State of Illinois. At all times material, Mother Doe 100 was a resident of the State of Illinois.

4. The identities of all Doe Plaintiffs are made known to Defendants through separate cover letter.

5. Plaintiff [redacted] is a thirty-five-year-old Chicago resident. [redacted] was sexually molested as a child by [redacted], a religious order priest who was serving at a parish within the Archdiocese at the time of the abuse.

6. At all times material, the Catholic Bishop of Chicago, a Corporation Sole (hereinafter “Archdiocese of Chicago”) was and is an Illinois corporation. Defendant has approximately eight hundred fifty-four Diocesan priests serving in two counties in the State of
Illinois. At all times material to the complaint, Defendant Archdiocese was conducting business in the State of Illinois.

**CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

7. Plaintiffs bring this action on behalf of themselves and, pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/2-801, as the representatives of the class of persons who have been molested as children by an agent of the Archdiocese of Chicago and on behalf of those children who have not yet been abused, but who are in imminent danger of abuse because the Archdiocese has not released the names and files of agents that have been accused of molesting children or accused of inappropriate sexual behavior with children to either the public or to the court.

8. The Plaintiff class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable. In its own self report, the Archdiocese asserted that there were 142 cases where they had reason to suspect that an agent had sexually molested a child. These numbers only include information that was reported to the Archdiocese. The underlying data for the results was not disclosed to the public.

9. There are questions of fact or law common to the class, which predominate over questions affecting only individual members. The common questions of law or fact include, but are not limited to: whether the Archdiocese of Chicago has failed to protect children by not releasing the names of its agents who have been accused of molesting children to the public and law enforcement and whether the Archdiocese has or is destroying documents in order to cover up or conceal crimes against children by clergy serving in and/or employed by the Archdiocese.

10. The Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class. The interests of the plaintiffs are the same as those of all class members because they have all been
sexually abused by an agent of the Archdiocese of Chicago or are in danger of being molested by an agent of the Archdiocese of Chicago because the Archdiocese’s information is not public. All have an interest in preventing the sexual abuse of any further children by agents of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

11. A class action is an appropriate method for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy alleged in this complaint. The expense and burden of individual litigation would make it difficult or impossible for individual members of the class to redress the wrongs done to them. The cost to the court system of adjudication of such individualized litigation would be substantial. Individualized litigation would also present the potential for inconsistent or contradictory judgments and would magnify the delay and expense to all parties and the court system. By contrast, the conduct of this action as a class action presents far fewer management difficulties, conserves the resources of the parties and court system, and protects the rights of each class member. In addition, the prosecution of separate actions by the individual members of the class would create a risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to individual class members which would establish incompatible standards of conduct for the defendant.

ALLEGATIONS OF FACT

12. [Redacted] (hereinafter "[Redacted]") was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago in approximately 1994.

13. At all times material, [Redacted] was employed by the Archdiocese. [Redacted] was an ordained Roman Catholic Priest educated, trained and ordained by, and under the direct supervision, employ, agency and control of the Archdiocese. Among duties in his employment was to provide pastoral care and counseling for

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members of his denomination.

14. In approximately the winter of 2000, a nun at Holy Family Church in Chicago reported to the Archdiocese of Chicago that [REDACTED] asked a fourth-grade boy to pull down his pants in the sacristy at Holy Family.

15. The nun reported this numerous times to the Archdiocese.

16. On information and belief, on one occasion when the nun reported it to the Archdiocese, an official told her that “if the parents aren’t pushing it, let it go.”

17. After these reports, the nun made a final report to the Archdiocese, this one a written report of [REDACTED] behavior.

18. On information and belief, in 2000, the Archdiocese did not report to law enforcement, did not tell any of the parishioners at any of the parishes [REDACTED] worked at in the past about the report, did not tell any of the parishioners at any of the parishes where [REDACTED] worked after these reports, and did not tell any other children or parents about the report.

19. On information and belief, after the nun reported the abuse to the Archdiocese, the Archdiocese transferred [REDACTED] to another parish, St. Agatha’s in Chicago.

20. On information and belief, despite the report, the Archdiocese allowed [REDACTED] to teach at an Archdiocesan school and coach a boys basketball team.


22. On information and belief the Bishops passed the Dallas Charter in 2002. The Charter was only enforced, if at all, from within. There was no meaningful external non church
oversight over its enforcement.

23. Cardinal Francis George represented to the public that the Charter was a “zero
tolerance” policy that committed them to removal of priests in childhood sexual abuse cases. He
also represented to the public that a priest with even one act of sexual misconduct with a child
should not be allowed in public ministry in order to protect children.

24. In January of 2003, the Archdiocese released a “Ten Year Report” that purported
to give information about the Archdiocese’s efforts to stop childhood sexual abuse by clerics in
the previous ten years.

25. On information and belief, the Ten Year Report purports to give the current status
of priests that were accused of molesting a child anytime from 1993 to 2003. The report
indicates that no priest accused of abuse during that time period is in any form of ministry in the
Archdiocese of Chicago.

26. The Ten Year Report also states that officials of the Archdiocese have reported all
allegations, including those not deemed credible, to the appropriate public authorities.

27. On information and belief, the Archdiocese did not include [REDACTED] in the
Ten Year Report.

28. Also in response to the clergy abuse scandal, the United States Catholic
Conference of Bishops agreed to participate in a self-report survey conducted by the John Jay
College.

29. As part of the John Jay survey, each Diocese submitted the number of priests that
had allegations of sexual misconduct with a minor within the particular Diocese.

30. On information and belief there was no oversight over the information that was
given to the John Jay College. It was completely up to the particular Diocese to respond honestly.

31. The John Jay College defined “allegation,” as all recorded notifications of clerical sexual misconduct with minors, whether or not they resulted in any investigation or whether there was reasonable cause to suspect abuse had occurred.

32. In 2004, the Archdiocese reported that it had reason to believe that 55 priests had sexual misconduct with a minor.

33. In 2004, Cardinal George and the Archdiocese represented to the public that there were no priests that were accused of childhood sexual abuse that were in public ministry in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

34. On information and belief, the Archdiocese did not include the 2004 John Jay numbers.

35. On information and belief in August of 2005, the Archdiocese learned that law enforcement was investigating for childhood sexual abuse.

36. On information and belief, in August of 2005, the Archdiocese did not inform the law enforcement that a nun had reported that had acted in a sexually inappropriate manner with a child in 2000.

37. On information and belief, just as it did in 2000, the Archdiocese did not report or warn any of the parishioners, the public, or the parents at St. Agatha parish that law enforcement was investigating for childhood sexual abuse.

38. On information and belief, the Archdiocese elevated to a position of authority in the Archdiocese on September 1, 2005. It appointed him as Dean of a Deanery of
the Archdiocese. This is an honored, respected, and supervisory position within the Archdiocese. This meant that [redacted] was still at St. Agathas, but also had some supervisory authority over roughly 20 parishes in the Archdiocese.

39. The Archdiocese allowed [redacted] to remain at St. Agathas and in the position of Dean until at least January of 2006, more four months after the Archdiocese received at least its second report of sexual misconduct against a minor by [redacted].

40. In January of 2006, Chicago law enforcement arrested [redacted] and charged him with sexually molesting two boys on multiple occasions.

41. On information and belief, the nun who reported the abuse to the Archdiocese in 2000 was contacted by the Archdiocese the day before [redacted] was arrested. The Archdiocese indicated to the nun that it did not have the nun’s letter.

42. On information and belief, the Archdiocese also stated publicly that it has no written record of the nun’s reports or the actual letter.

43. On information and belief, the Archdioceses and Dioceses across the United States, including the Archdiocese of Chicago, have been instructed to destroy documentation of sexual misconduct by priests and/or to send any of this material to the Holy See in order to claim it is immune from public discovery or disclosure.

44. On information and belief, the Archdiocese has not released the names of the 55 priests that it deemed as having reason to suspect committed sexual misconduct with children.

45. On information and belief, the Archdiocese has also not released the names of any of the other clerics, like [redacted] who were accused of sexual misconduct and are still in parishes, but not included in the Ten Year Report or the John Jay Survey.
Although the Archdiocese had not released the names of offenders, some names of Archdiocesan clerics accused of sexual misconduct have been released during the course of litigation. These names were released in 2005:

1) Richard "Doc" Bartz
2) Robert Becker
3) R. Peter Bowman
4) Daniel Buck
5) Eugene Burns
6) John Callicott
7) William Cloutier
8) Robert D. Craig
9) John Curran
10) Walter DeRoeck
11) Jeremiah Duggan
12) Richard Fassbinder
13) Joseph Fitzharris
14) Robert Friese
15) James Hagan
16) Daniel Mark Holihan
17) Walter Huppenbauer
18) Thomas Job
19) Robert Kealy
20) John Keehan
21) Thomas Kelly
22) John "Jack" Keough
23) Joseph Kissane
24) Leonard Kmak
25) William Lupo
26) Norbert Maday
27) Robert Mayer
28) Vincent McCaffrey
29) Donald Mulsoff
30) Thomas O'Gorman
31) James Ray
32) John Robinson
33) Kenneth Ruge
34) Raymond Skriba
35) Marion Snieg
36) Victor Stewart
37) Ralph Strand
38) Thomas Swade
39) Anthony Vader

47. Names that have not previously been released but who, on information and belief, have been accused of sexual misconduct with a minor:

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1) James Flosi

48. There are also a number of religious order priests who worked in the Archdiocese. On information and belief, the Archdiocese had control and/or supervision over these clerics while they were working in the Archdiocese. On information and belief, the Archdiocese knows about these clerics' misconduct. On information and belief, those religious order clerics that have been accused of sexual misconduct are:

1) Robert Berlet (Christian Brothers)
2) Robert Brouillette (Christian Brothers)
3) Vincent Bryce (Dominicans)
4) George Dyer (Dominicans)
5) Terrence Fitzmaurice (Benedictines)
6) John Huels (Servite)
7) Augustine Jones (Benedictines)
8) Donald McGuire (Jesuits)
9) John Murphy (Augustinians)
10) Robert Murphy (Camelites)
11) Michael O'Connor (Augustinians)
12) Jean Baptiste (J.B.) Ormechea (Passionists)
13) Eusebio Pantoja (Claretians)
14) Thomas Paramo (Claretians)
15) Carlos Peralta (Salesians)
16) John Powell (Jesuits)
17) Andrew Ronan (Servites)

18) Wilton Skiffington (Jesuits)

19) Patrick Strong (Augustinians)

49. [Redacted] sexually molested John Doe 100 at some point between approximately 2000 and 2005, when John Doe 100 was a minor child.

50. Neither John Doe 100 nor Mother Doe 100 knew that the Archdiocese had received reports about [Redacted] sexual abuse of children.

**COUNT I**
(Injunction - Release of Names)

51. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege every paragraph of this complaint as if set forth in Count I.

52. Plaintiffs bring Count I on their own behalf and on behalf of the class of similarly situated persons described in paragraph 7 of this Complaint.

53. The practices of the Archdiocese of Chicago have endangered numerous children in the past and these practices will continue to put children at risk in the future.

54. Plaintiffs and the class have the right to not be sexually molested by clerics of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

55. The Archdiocese owes a duty to warn all children and their parents that come into contact with its clerics of allegations of sexual misconduct by the clerics because these children and their parents hold clerics in an esteemed position, which gives clerics virtually unlimited access to children.

56. The Archdiocese also owes a duty to children and their parents to release all of the names of clerics against whom the Archdiocese has deemed to have credible allegations of
sexual misconduct with children to the court and to the public at large.

57. The Archdiocese also owes a duty to children and their parents to release all of the names of clerics that have been accused of sexual misconduct with children to the court and to the public at large.

58. Unless injunctive relief is granted numerous children in Illinois are at risk of being sexually molested by clerics of the Archdiocese.

59. In order to ensure that children are protected and free from sexual molestation by clerics, the plaintiffs and the members of the class are entitled to an injunction ordering that the Archdiocese do the following:

   a) Release the names of all 55 of the priests that it reported to the John Jay Survey to the court and to the public.

   b) Release the names of all other clerics, like [redacted], that were not included in the John Jay Survey, but against whom the Archdiocese has received allegations of sexual misconduct by the cleric with children to the court and to the public.

COUNT II
(Injunction - Documents)

60. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege every paragraph of this complaint as if set forth in Count II.

61. Plaintiffs bring Count II on their own behalf and on behalf of the class of similarly situated persons described in paragraph 7 of this Complaint.

62. On information and belief, the Archdiocese still has documents that are evidence of crimes committed by clerics against children.

63. The Archdiocese has a duty to the public at large and to law enforcement to not
destroy any documents that evidence a crime.

64. The Archdiocese has a duty to children that were abused by clerics to not destroy any documents relating to the sexual misconduct or alleged sexual misconduct of any cleric at anytime in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

65. On information and belief the Archdiocese has destroyed documents and/or concealed documents and/or failed to give documents to law enforcement relating to sexual misconduct or alleged sexual misconduct by clerics of the Archdiocese.

66. Unless injunctive relief is granted, children will be at imminent risk of being molested by clerics of the Archdiocese, law enforcement will be prevented from doing its job, and those children that have already been molested by clerics will have their rights negatively affected.

67. In order to ensure that children are protected and free from sexual molestation by clerics, the plaintiffs and the members of the class are entitled to an injunction ordering that the Archdiocese do the following:

a) Turn over any document with any connection to any allegation of sexual misconduct by a cleric against a child to the Illinois Courts for supervision of these documents.

b) Turn over any document with any connection to any allegation of sexual misconduct by a cleric against a child to law enforcement.

c) Cease in the destruction or spoliation of any documents with any connection to any allegation of sexual misconduct by a cleric against a child.

d) Cease to conceal or misplace any documents with any connection to any
allegation of sexual misconduct by a cleric against a child.

**COUNT III**
*(Declaratory Judgment)*

68. Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege every paragraph of this complaint as if set forth in Count III.

69. Plaintiffs bring Count III on their own behalf and on behalf of the class of similarly situated persons described in paragraph 7 of this Complaint.

70. There is an actual controversy between the plaintiffs and the members of the plaintiff class, on the one hand, and the Archdiocese, on the other hand, concerning whether the Archdiocese is adequately protecting children through its practices of not releasing the names of those clerics that have been accused of molesting children.

71. There is also an actual controversy between the plaintiffs and the members of the plaintiff class, on the one hand, and the Archdiocese, on the other hand, concerning whether the Archdiocese is adequately protecting children through its practice of not removing a cleric that is accused of molesting a child from any position where the cleric has any contact with children.

72. Finally, there is an actual controversy between the plaintiffs and the members of the plaintiff class, on the one hand, and the Archdiocese, on the other hand, concerning whether the Archdiocese is adequately protecting children through its practices of destroying and/or concealing documents evidencing allegations of sexual misconduct by clerics.

73. The plaintiffs and members of the plaintiff class are entitled to a declaration that the Archdiocesan practices of not releasing the names of clerics accused of sexual misconduct with minors, not removing clerics that are accused of sexual misconduct with children from positions where they have access to children, and by destroying and/or concealing documents, is
not adequate to protect children.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Court grant the relief requested within this complaint or any other relief the Court deems just in order to protect children.

Dated: January 31, 2006

JEFF ANDERSON & ASSOCIATES, P.A.

[Signature]

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Office for the Protection of Children and Youth
Job Request for Support Staff

File No: ___________________________ Date of Request: ___________________________
Time of Request: ___________________________ Complete request by: ________________

(Date/Time)

TO: ___________________________________________

FROM: ___________________________________________

Instructions and/or Comments:
S No I have not gotten anything from anyone. Please follow up with Jan (Donald) and ask her to send what she has on ______________ so that we can open a file.

☐ Open a New File ___________________________

☐ File ___________________________

☐ Type ___________________________

☐ Duplicate  # of Copies _____________ Collate – yes/no  Staple – yes/no

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TO: Leoh

FROM: SANTA GARCIA

___ FOR YOUR INFORMATION

___ FOR NECESSARY ACTION

✓ FOR YOUR COMMENT

___ PLEASE RETURN

___ AS PER YOUR REQUEST

REMARKS: To date have you rec’d any paperwork for a ___?

I have nothing in the files for a ___.
From: Leah McCluskey
To: Zacharias, Patricia
Date: 4/14/2008 8:49 AM
Subject: Re: Fwd: 

Thanks Patty. I did not realize that you worked on this and Jan sent an e-mail back to Santa after I had asked her to clarify a few weeks ago...so please share with Santa what you clarify with Jan.

Thank you.

Leah

>>> Patricia Zacharias 4/14/2008 8:45 AM >>>

Hi,

I am pretty sure I already clarified this a week or two ago. I will dig up what I did and get back to Jan this week.

Patty

>>> Leah McCluskey 4/14/2008 8:08 AM >>>

Hi Patty,

Could you please help to clarify this one?

Thanks.

Leah
Leah,

Assistance Ministry has no file on [REDACTED]. Please let me know how to proceed with this attached paperwork.

SE

Sara-
Please put this info. in Bartz general file - and please keep this information clipped together in Bartz general file.

Thank you!
I've looked through a number of files, and as far as I can tell, VAM does not have a file on [redacted] We do have a (flimsy) file on [redacted] who came forward in 2002 with an allegation against Fr. Richard Bartz.

Peace,
Mayra

Mayra Flores, Assistant Director
Assistance Ministry
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mflores@archchicago.org
From: Santa Garcia  
To: Hunnicutt, Matthew  
Date: 4/28/2008 9:00 AM  
Subject: Re: Fwd:  

Thanks Matt, I'll wait to hear from Mayra.

>>> Matthew Hunnicutt 4/28/2008 9:00 AM >>>

Santa: I don't have a file on this person. Mayra, can you please look into this for Santa?

>>> Santa Garcia 4/28/2008 8:00 AM >>>

Dear Matt,

Can I have five minutes to ask if AM has a file on the person mentioned below?

Santa R. Garcia  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
Office for the Protection of Children and Youth  
Olympia Centre  
737 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 900  
Chicago, IL 60611  
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Email: sgarcia@archchicago.org

Matt Hunnicutt  
Office of Assistance Ministry  
(312) 751-8267

>>> Santa Garcia 4/16/2008 3:03 PM >>>

Mayra,  

Can you check your VAM files when you get a chance for the request below?

Thank you,

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>>> Santa Garcia 4/10/2008 2:22 PM >>>

Dear Mayra,  

Jan Leonatti thought that the VAM office might have a file open on Bartz, Rev./ . Can you please forward me any paper work
you have on this case per Leah McCluskey. Thank you.

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